



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



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County finances 'best in 10 years'

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners were recently given a review of an audit performed on the county's finances for fiscal year 1999. Marvin Henderson, the principal Certified Public Accountant for the auditing firm of Anderson, Tackman & Company, P.L.C., delivered the news — the county's finances are the best he's seen in years.

"The county really did a nice job of turning the corner this year," remarked Henderson. "For the first time in 10 years, the county stayed within its revenue structure." Crawford County ran on a budget of approximately \$4.2 million in 1999, down from 1998 by a few hundred thousand.

As they smiled cautiously, Henderson told the Commissioners they have an operating surplus of approximately \$320,000 in the general fund, which equates to 30-60 days in reserve. "It's still at the low end, but finances are certainly a lot healthier than before. You did a good job of staying within your budget," he said.

Henderson cautioned the Board that even though they have a surplus, they must keep looking toward the future. He reported the county has very little long-term debt, but pension plan obligations are on the increase and at least four Sheriff's deputies are at or near retirement age. "Those who retire receive health care coverage," said Henderson. "Coverage was relatively inexpensive years ago, now it costs a lot more."

"We don't want the general public

to think we have a windfall," commented County Vice Chair Beth Wieland. "We have a lot of upcoming expenses we need to plan for."

There was one fund that showed a deficit balance. In 1999, the Child Care Fund ran \$22,289 over budget because of an unforeseen increase in juvenile cases coming before the courts.

Out of the fund comes the expense of juvenile placement at the Shawono Center or into foster homes when the courts order such services. It also covers individual and family counseling, as well as any other expense incurred for rehabilitation of young offenders. Said Henderson, "It's really hard to predict how many juveniles will be served in any given year, but the cases have increased."

At a December meeting of the County Board, 46th Circuit Court Judge John Hunter and Probate Officer Tom Haskel discussed the increasing case load and mounting costs of handling juvenile cases brought before them. "We now see in one month what we used to see in one year," said Hunter. He estimates, at the least, an additional \$40,000 will be needed in 2000.

The board agreed to transfer the deficit's amount from the general fund to the Child Care Fund in order to balance the 1999 budget.

"Well, with the exception of the Child Care Fund, which we will correct, I see no red," remarked County Chair Lynnette Corlew. "We've come a long way and it was a good team effort."

"Your trend of obligation is head-

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Trout season opens



Photo by Caleb Casey

On Saturday, April 29, (the opening day of trout season), Jeff Lich (left) and Dave Becker of Saginaw measure a trout caught by Lich to see if it's a keeper. (It wasn't. At 11 inches, it was just shy of the 12-inch minimum size to be legal with the new trout regulations on that stretch of the Manistee River.) Lich and Becker fished with Dave Becker Jr., also of Saginaw, on the Manistee just west of Frederic, using worms. At the time (about 12:30 p.m.) Becker Sr. said the three had caught several fish, but hadn't landed any keepers yet. Becker has been coming to the Grayling area during trout season every year for over 30 years, he said. For more on the trout opener, see Page 1B.

Part of 612 to be fixed this year

► Plan to rebuild two of the worst sections of CR 612 approved by Board

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission Board approved a reconstruction plan for two of the worst segments of County Road 612 last Thursday, allowing the proposed project to move into the final planning stages.

The plan, presented to the Board by Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock, involves resurfacing County Road 612 from the intersection at Hartwick Pines Road east 1.77 miles, and reconstructing another smaller section of 612 near Jones Lake Road.

The road's surface deteriorated rather quickly this spring to the point of needing an immediate fix. An amount was not budgeted for 612 repairs for this year. As a result, the Road Commission had to reroute a few figures within the current budget to fit the project in this summer.

The Road Commission's budget had \$70,000 set aside to help rebuild a section of North Higgins Lake Drive, but the safety grant application for the project wasn't approved, putting the project on hold.

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Forest Dunes development in receivership

Investors, developers and lenders still solidly behind project

On April 12, Forest Dunes L.L.C., the original developer of Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club, and lender, Carpenters Pension Trust Fund - Detroit and Vicinity, mutually agreed to place the development in court-ordered receivership. The parties also agreed to stay further legal proceedings for 90 days.

The receivership was established after months of negotiations between Forest Dunes and the Pension Trust Fund failed to pro-

duce an agreement regarding future funding of the development.

Forest Dunes is a 1,240-acre, private, gated, year-round golf community located 13 miles north of Higgins Lake in South Branch Township, Crawford County. The development currently features an 18-hole, Tom Weiskopf-designed golf course, natural sand dunes, and several man-made lakes and streams. Phase I of the four-phase development has 300 home sites.

Forest Dunes is a \$500,000,000 development project which will house two 18-hole private golf courses and approximately 1,200 separate housing units. The current development plan contemplates project completion in stages over 10 years, with completion of Phase I scheduled for spring 2001.

Under the terms of the stay, Forest Dunes L.L.C. will have 90 days to recapitalize the project without the litigation proceeding any further. One million dollars has been provided by Forest Dunes L.L.C. to fund the development for the next 90 days.

William L. Carey (Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.) of Grayling, was chosen by both parties and appointed by 46th Circuit Court Chief Judge, the Honorable Alton T. Davis, to act as the receiver.

Carey is an experienced attorney specializing in real estate litigation

and financing. He has formed a project team to assist him in the receivership operations. The team consists of Jerry DeWitt, James M. Anderson, Pat McHugh, and James Tobin.

DeWitt, of the Grayling and

Roscommon area, has been a long-time broker/developer in the area. He developed and owned Fox Run Country Club and Fox Run Estates.

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Grayling Mayor Marilyn Palmer (left) was the first to purchase a white cane pin from the Grayling Lions Club's 25th campaign, April 28-29. Many members of the club, like Jim Kolka (right), spent hours out in traffic selling the pins for a donation to their vision and hearing programs that are geared toward helping those without insurance or the means to pay for those kind of health care services.

National Day of Prayer is May 4

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4 and will be observed again this year in front of the Crawford County Building, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Prayer begins at 12:20 p.m. The theme this year is "PRAY2K - America's Hope for the New Millennium," reflecting the biblical exhortation in Romans 12:12 that says, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Everyone is welcome to participate in this prayer for our nation and its leaders.

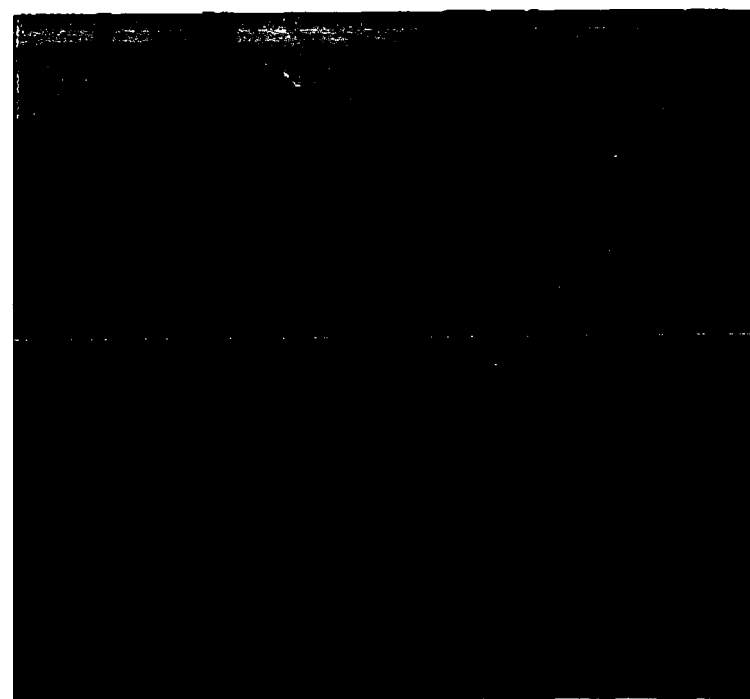
Equipment failure leaves over 6,000 without power

Equipment failure at a substation in Lewiston caused outages for an estimated 6,400 Great Lakes Energy customers in eastern Crawford and Otsego Counties on Tuesday, April 25.

A lightning arrester in a substation failed at 7:08 p.m. leaving customers in the Johannesburg area and 4,200 customers near Lovells and Grayling without power.

Power restored to Johannesburg customers at 8:29 p.m. and to the Lovells/Grayling area at 9:26 p.m.

Equipment repairs were made by crews from Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative and Great Lakes Energy.



"Only you can prevent forest fires..." Smokey Bear's words couldn't ring truer as the spring fire season becomes more dangerous because of dry conditions. An unattended campfire has been named the cause of a 4,000-acre forest fire in Oscoda County this week. Campers, fishermen and outdoor enthusiasts — please be careful with fire!

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Crawford corrections officer completes training

Crawford County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Colleen "Sue" DeBusschere graduated from the 2000 Basic Corrections Academy in a ceremony held April 21 in Traverse City.

DeBusschere recently attended and successfully completed the 160-hour Corrections Training Program in Traverse City and has fulfilled all requirements as prescribed by the Michigan Correctional Officers Training Council as supported by the Michigan Justice Training Commission.

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely said, "Sue spent one month training - Monday through Friday - in the area of correctional law, pressure point control tactics, mental illness awareness, emergency responses and many other topics which relate to correctional situations."

According to Lovely, this training will enhance DeBusschere's abilities as a Corrections Officer and assist in allowing a safer environment for the inmates and employees



Photos courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department

Crawford County Sheriff's Corrections Officer Colleen "Sue" DeBusschere receives her diploma from the 2000 Basic Corrections Academy during a ceremony held April 21.

within the jail.

"I am pleased that we were able to send Sue to this training and very

pleased that she has performed well in her training," the Sheriff said. "This will enhance her abilities at the Crawford County Jail."



Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely (left) and Crawford County Jail Administrator Lt. Scott Feldhauser (right) were on hand when Corrections Officer Colleen "Sue" DeBusschere received her diploma after 160 hours of corrections-related training in Traverse City.

Check out the Avalanche on-line at www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Band Boosters help pay for Band Camp

by Margaret Knapp, President Viking Band Boosters

"GHS and GMS band members will be going to Band Camp this summer thanks to \$100 scholarship availability from the Viking Band Boosters," stated Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Janet McClain.

"This is the first year that a committee has been organized and policies governing scholarship applications have gone into effect," said said. "The 1998-1999 school year shows eight applications and scholarship recipients. This year, we have 23 applications for summer band camps, up 188% from last year," McClain continued.

Margaret Knapp, Viking Band Boosters President comments, "The Ways and Means Committee is working on this year's budget pro-

jections. The Band Boosters are anxious to up the scholarship fund from \$2,500 to \$4,500. In so doing allowing more band students to take advantage of camps.

"Students come back from camps with excitement and anticipation for returning the next year. When this happens other students then hear of the opportunity, and want to participate the next year."

Some summer camps students have attended in the past are: Wolverine, Blue Lake, and CMU. "The Band Booster will be offering again this year to pay in-full for the Drum Major to attend camp. We are proud to offer the flag group scholarships to attend camps also, said Knapp. "We are having great support with contributions from the community, and parents. It's fantastic."

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Henderson said. "Crawford County is on a payment plan to make sure the pension plan is properly funded."

Wieland gave praise and credit to the department heads and county employees who agreed to a wage freeze to do their share to get the county finances out of the red.

Henderson said several things played into the 1999 surplus, including the county's aggressiveness in making budget cuts in many different places, instead of hitting one or two departments really hard. "You did this in a remarkably short time," he said.

The biggest cuts were felt in Sheriff David Lovely's department. "He's the rare sheriff. He cooperates," said Henderson. "He took the bull by the horns and did more in his position than most would."

Corlew agreed. "He's done a very good job," she said, and added Sheriff Lovely has the ability to write for and successfully acquire grant monies sorely needed to keep his department running at a level the taxpayers have grown to expect.

Credit was also given to County Treasurer Joe Wakeley. "He's conservative and understands people's incomes," said Wieland. County Controller Paul Compo agreed, saying Wakeley spent an inordinate amount of time working with the Board and his office on the budget.

Henderson advised the Board that any surplus should be used toward Child Care Fund appropriations. "A realistic amount needs to be transferred to cover those costs, although it is a fund you have no control of," he said.

"Well, at least we have money for it," replied Corlew. "So, there really is no surplus."

Corlew went on to say some credit for the county's improved financial condition needs to go to the last County Board, who made some hard decisions in order to bring it about. That Board gave up their confidential secretary, cut the Commissioners' salaries in half and cut out per diem entirely in order to hire full time County Controller Paul Compo to oversee the county budget.

The current Board has taken steps

in the past year-and-a-half to improve management of all county agencies - one at a time - with Henderson's advice conveyed through audit reviews.

"Everybody in the county building, including the Housing Commission, the Commission on Aging and the Library Board, deserves congratulations and praise," Henderson said.

Ducks Unlimited plans annual fundraiser event

The Crawford County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited (DU) will hold its 17th annual fundraiser banquet at Shoppenagon's Inn on May 13 at 6 p.m. The group has and continues to restore millions of acres of waterfowl and wildlife habitat in Michigan.

For tickets or more information on how to support DU programs, call Rick Nash at 348-2003 or Wayne and Karen Casler at 348-8823.

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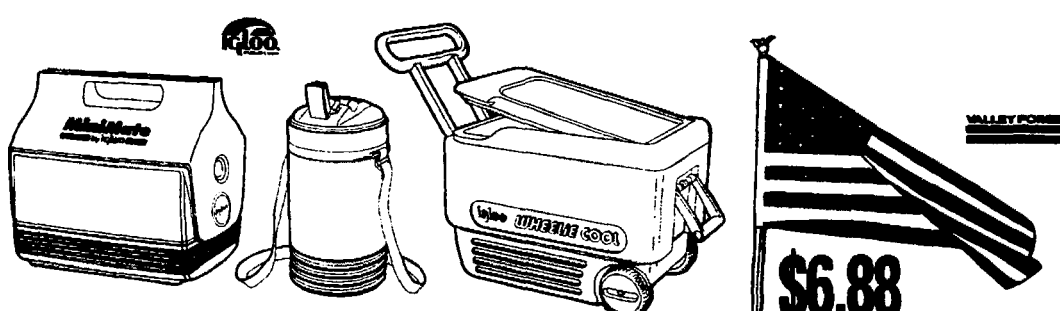
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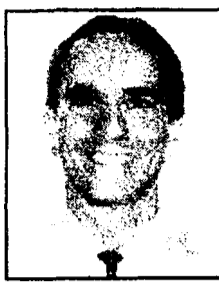
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Term limits: You want 'em, you got 'em

Term limits are a good thing, right? After all, it was the will of the people. We, the voters, chose to limit the amount of time our elected officials spend in Lansing.

And that was the way our government was always meant to be, wasn't it? We were going to be a nation led by farmers and printers, by shop keepers and blacksmiths. Not a country where being elected to serve as a representative of all us other folks could turn out to be a career.

So, by voting to limit the number of years our elected officials could spend in their offices at the State Capitol, we were returning our system to the way it was intended to be.

Serve for a while, then go back to your real life and real job.

Many states do it in their own ways. You can find examples all around our country where a part time legislature works just fine, thank you. Here in Michigan, we chose to limit the number of times you can be elected and sent to Lansing.

The governor can serve three terms. Senators can have two four-year stints, and Representatives can be elected three times,

giving them six total years in the House to move their agenda.

These terms replace what had become in some districts almost permanent, lifetime seats. Now, every six or eight years, we have fresh, new faces and bright new ideas filling our elected seats in Lansing.

So, how is it working?

According to at least one Lansing lobbyist, "Things are such a mess."

The theory about term limits was that it was going to bring in new people. That has worked. But this year, the second class of term limited Representatives are on their way out the door. There are more than 30 of these folks who have been elected three times to two year terms. Their time is up.

What makes this class more interesting is that the first class of term limited State Senators will not graduate for two more years. There are no Senate elections this year.

That leaves 30-something Representatives with no place to go. No Senate seat in their area up for grabs. No upwards place to climb.

These are, in the words of another lobbyist,

ist, "the truest of the true lame ducks."

So the political landscape in our state's capital is changing.

Many of these elected officials like being involved in the political game. Once their terms end, they seek to be appointed to one of many Lansing-area government jobs.

One could become the chief of staff for the Lieutenant Governor, as a former Representative did. One could head the Lottery Bureau or the Insurance Bureau or the Department of Corrections, as other former representatives do.

The key here is that these are all appointments made by the Administration. And the feeling in the capital city is these term-limited officials who may want one of these positions might need to cash in favors for the Governor before they are considered for the posts.

In other words, don't get on the wrong side of John Engler. The unspoken motto is that if you want to stay, play the game by his rules.

On the other hand, there are a number of term-limited legislators who have no desire to stay in Lansing, and have no desire to

help the Governor, his party or his future plans. These lame ducks may use these last months of their elected careers to further their own agenda — whatever that may be.

If there is a personal bill or issue that might leave a mark or a legacy for an elected official, now is the time, for their time is running out.

Term limits was supposed to pass the power of working the system from the long-term elected officials into the hands of the paid professional lobbyists, who dole out the money and supposedly buy the votes.

But in fact, the system is working in just the opposite way. Short timers who face term limits do not build long term relations with these special interests. They are less influenced by their money — or their positions and issues.

Most of the new faces in Lansing have experience in local government. They come from city, township or county government service. The State Legislature is the next logical step for them. They focus more on government service to their home communities and not so much on feathering their own nest.

Which brings us back to the root of the problem. Term limits have changed things in Lansing. This year, drastically.

But what we have created is a new kind of professional politician. As opposed to the old system in which a seat could remain in the same hands or in the same family for generations, we now find the "hoppers."

These new pros spend their elected careers moving up from one level of government to the next until they hit the glass ceiling and can hop no higher. They carry with them very few special interests. But they are always ready for the chance to hop up to the next level of government.

Term limits are working in Lansing. Things are different than they were before.

Are they better? Are they worse? Here's the best part.

As a voter, you get to decide.

Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling Marshall and Three Rivers.

EDITOR

Avalanche praised for drug arrest coverage

To the editor,

I wish to respond to the article printed in the *Avalanche* on April 20, 2000.

This was the front page article about the high school students busted in Texas on drug charges.

Kudos to the *Avalanche* for having the courage to print this story and present it as a front page article.

This was a story which should have been brought to light to the Grayling community. The last time I looked, marijuana was still illegal in this country, and Texas was right in busting these kids.

I noticed in the April 27 issue of the *Avalanche* there were many letters to the editor, complaining about the publicity given to the "little darlings." It was quite interesting to me that several of the names mentioned in the article were of prominent people in the community. Makes me wonder if you people who wrote these letters complaining, would have been so outraged had they been lower profile kids.

Some of these kids are honor students in school. Well, you sure brought "honor" to Grayling, didn't you?

It stands to reason, if these kids were caught doing drugs in Texas, they probably do them here, too.

Maybe you people who were so outraged at the story in the *Avalanche*, should direct some of

that anger toward the kids who got front page news for Grayling. In closing, let me say that I usually do not support the mainstream media. As for the most part, I believe they are biased and unfair in their reporting and lean toward the left wing of politics.

However, I was pleasantly surprised to see that the *Avalanche* printed a story which shows that Grayling, while for the most part is a beautiful and pleasant area, has problems like every other area.

I hope the people of Grayling stand firm, and show we will not support or reward this kind of behavior.

Perhaps service organizations who have in the past granted monies for the kids mentioned in the article, should reconsider future grants until these kids can show that they are responsible, positive assets to the Grayling area. Doing drugs does not reflect the values we need here.

And please, don't give me the lame excuse that everyone has done drugs at one time or another. My wife, Sandy, and I haven't, and there are millions of people like us.

Regardless of what so-called President Clinton says, and the examples he sets, we are all responsible for our own actions and will be judged by them.

James W. Allman
Frederic

Angry letter writers addressed

To the editor,

This "down-state" reader would like to address the writers of your April 27, 2000 "Letters to the Editor" in the order in which they appeared:

First to Danyell Galvani - a law student who advocates any type of censorship needs further study of our Constitution. You have taken one article and used it to condemn every issue of this newspaper. You should read every issue in its entirety to understand the full and professional coverage given to all local news. It was important to mention the achievements of these girls to open the eyes of those who believe only "bad" kids get into trouble. These girls, by their actions, put themselves in this situation. They, alone, are responsible. As you make your way through law school surely you will learn the fundamental fact that to achieve maturity we must take responsibility for our actions and the resulting

repercussions - good and bad.

Number 2 - Jackie Lepsey: the article was not presented as a story - it was a report of facts in an excellent "news" paper. It would seem you have only read the subject issue since you are not aware of the many compassionate reports written by Cheryl Ruley. Being a small town resident does not exempt you from personal responsibility. In fact - being a small town native myself - I always felt my actions represented by family and hometown - therefore I was careful to protect the reputation of honorable living we enjoyed. An article without facts is nothing more than a rumor - it is not news as in "news" paper.

Number 3 - Charles and Marilyn Fick: Are you sure of your knowledge of Cheryl Ruley's standing in the organizations as you state in your letter? It would behoove you to be as sure of your facts as Cheryl Ruley is of hers. Libel is

impossible to defend without truth.

Number 4 - Sandra Woolsey: My, my you sure don't like your neighbors according to your letter. What a low opinion you have of all of Grayling. Two people make a very poor choice and you condemn all Grayling citizens - please explain your logic. Also, would front page coverage have been OK if these girls would have broken the law in Grayling instead of Texas?

Number 5 - Marion Shirkey: Have you, as a responsible citizen, reported and demanded action regarding the widespread illegal activity you have witnessed in Grayling? We are all responsible for law enforcement.

Number 6 - Mileta Taylor: The article was not "sensationalism." It was a factual report of the irresponsible actions of two Grayling residents. Also, if you are going to quote John 8:7, you should quote it correctly. My reading of the Bible showed our Lord did not sugarcoat

wrongdoers - nor did he provide a cover up - he named them and then, he forgave them. Nowhere does it say we can do anything we choose as long as we don't get caught. We are always called to answer for our actions.

A last comment - my grandmother always said you cannot put an old head on young shoulders - there is a time when parents must protect their children from themselves in order to avoid the damage of an immature decision. Obviously, these two girls were deemed mature enough to be given a car and allowed to drive hundreds of miles from home. Now we are being told they are innocent youngsters not responsible for their actions - you cannot have it both ways.

Keep up the excellent work, Cheryl - I look forward to each paper.

Lynda C. Long
Warren

Fishing rules protect river for future generations

To the editor,

In a recent letter to the editor, "Grandpa" complains that he can't take little Billy or Mary trout fishing in the Manistee River anymore because the Department of Natural Resources stole their right to drown worms by adding 3.5 miles of that famed river to the existing fly-only stretch. By the way, only 100 miles of Michigan's 26,000 river miles are under such special regulations.

If Billy or Mary can cast a worm from the bank because they don't

have waders, they certainly can cast an ant or grasshopper or "San Juan worm" fly from the bank. Nothing in the new regulations prohibits the use of spinning rods. Just put a small bobber 16" up from the fly and pitch it out there! I mean, nobody said they're not allowed to fish the Manistee anymore just because it's fly-only!

Men, women and children come from all over the world to fly fish the Manistee. Billy and Mary should be proud that their back

"yard" is so famous, and be thrilled that it's finally getting the protection that's been so sorely needed.

As for the DNR or UMRA or TU sneaking around behind "Grandpa's" back to initiate these "insidious" new regulations, I'd like to point out that this whole process has been examined, debated and open to public hearings for years.

"Grandpa," these new regulations are designed to make sure Billy and Mary, and their kids, and their kids still will have a world famous river to fish. And worthwhile fish to catch!

Anthony A. Petrella
Gaylord

Judge not...

To the editor,

For Alli and Heidi:

Here at home, you are not being prosecuted for one indiscretion, But for your past achievements. Girls, Remember this quotation: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt
As for the rest of us: Luke 6:37 - "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: Forgive and ye shall be forgiven."

Love you girls
Uncle Everett
Everett E. Woolsey
Grayling

Just a Reminder....

Letters to the editor must contain name, signature, complete address and telephone number of the writer and must be received by Friday at 5 p.m. for consideration in the next week's issue. Letters received afterward may be considered, if subject is timely and space allows.

We have received many letters recently and in the past that don't meet these guidelines and therefore do not get published. Please be sure to adhere to this policy in the future. We do not publish letters signed, "Name Withheld" or "Anonymous."

As always, we welcome your letters and comments.

Editorial Staff, Crawford County Avalanche

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BRIEFS

Bradstreet to visit Grayling next week

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Grayling) has scheduled office hours on May 8 in Grayling to talk with Crawford County residents. The 105th District lawmaker will meet with constituents between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Crawford County Library at 100 S. James Street. "This is a chance for people to let me know their thoughts and concerns about state government issues," Bradstreet said. "Anyone can stop in and discuss whatever is on their minds." For more information, call Bradstreet's Lansing office, toll free, at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

Lutheran church plans rummage sale

St. John Lutheran Church, located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling, will hold a rummage sale Friday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. On Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. the \$1-a-bag sale starts.

Michelson hosts Mother-Child Banquet

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will be holding their first Mother-Child Banquet on Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, and those under age three eat free. Dinner will be catered. The evening's program about colonial America, is entitled, "You've Got it Good!" to be presented by Donna, Jim and Sarah Carmean.

Mercy offers free medical screenings

Mercy Hospital Grayling is providing free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings on Tuesday, May 9 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the hospital Gallery. Any questions may be directed to Teresa Money at (517) 348-0433 or Tara Weaver at (517) 348-0708 of Volunteer Services.

Legion Auxiliary begins Poppy Sale

The American Legion Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead May 11-13, designated as "Poppy Days" by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary Post #106.

School-based violence topic of meeting

The Michigan Association of Teachers of Emotionally Disturbed Children (MATEDC) will present international speaker James T. Reese at their 42nd annual spring conference at Boyne Mountain Resort, May 10-12. Targeted audience for Wednesday's evening program on School-Based Violence Prevention not only includes school personnel, but mental health workers and law enforcement as well as others interested in the subject. Registration fee for Wednesday evening's program is \$20. On-site registration begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Convention Center. For more information, Call Mary or Rick at (616) 682-1669.

GYBC plans indoor basketball tourney

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is sponsoring *Jamfest 2000*, a 3-on-3 indoor basketball tournament, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 at Grayling area schools. A total of 10 age divisions for both boys and girls will be available to the first 15 teams to register per age bracket. Registration deadline is May 9. Volunteers are needed to serve as game officials, concession attendants, parking attendants, etc. To volunteer, call Doug Hinkle, evenings only, at (517) 348-5214. For more information on tournament entry call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921.

Improving Your Land for Wildlife program to be held at Kirtland

Any interested landowners are invited to attend a day-long educational program sponsored by MSU Extension (MSUE) and Kirtland Community College (KCC) entitled "Improving Your Land for Wildlife: Alternatives to Baiting and Feeding."

This program is being offered in conjunction with the Kirtland's Warbler Festival as a "warm-up" to the weekend festival activities at KCC.

The program will be held on Friday, May 19 at the KCC Continuing Education Center on College Drive. The program starts at 9:30 a.m. and runs to about 3 p.m. The program costs \$10 per person to attend.

The registration fee covers the cost of refreshments, lunch and handout materials. After lunch, attendees will carpool out to a field site nearby to tour some wildlife

habitat management practices firsthand.

Due to bovine tuberculosis, private landowners have had to change the way they bait and feed wildlife such as white-tailed deer on their land. This program will discuss how landowners can improve habitat conditions on their property to naturally attract wildlife.

During the course of the program, the basic concepts of forest and wildlife management will be discussed as well as how to put these concepts into practice. Included in the presentations will be how to maintain openings for wildlife, how timber harvesting can improve woodland wildlife habitat and how to establish wildlife food plots.

To pre-register for this program or for more information, contact the Crawford County MSUE office at (517) 344-3264.

Free art contest open to Grayling area students

Arts and Kids announced that \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded this year in its Annual Art Competition.

Students from the Grayling area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 115 prizes. The deadline for the contest is July 31, 2000. The contest is open to everyone 17 years of age and younger and entry is free.

"Everyone will enjoy an equal chance of winning the contest since entrants will be judged using age-appropriate standards," stated Suzanne Lawrence, Contest Director. "Many of the artists who enter this contest will gain national recognition through the publication of their artwork," continued Lawrence.

In addition to the 115 scholarships and prizes totaling \$38,000 that will be awarded to young artists, a

\$1,000 grant will be awarded to the schools of the five finalists for art education or to provide supplies or art-related technology.

To enter, send one original work or art, any style and any medium. All entries must include the child's name, address and age on the back. Artwork should be sent to:

Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Entries must be postmarked by July 31, 2000.

Arts and Kids is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of young artists to the public's attention. In the last ten years, they have awarded over \$100,000 to talented artists, most of whom have never before entered - or expected to win - any type of artistic competition. You can visit their website at www.ArtsandKids.com.

Mark your calendars, parents... Senior Honors Night is May 18

Grayling High School will host its Annual Senior Honors Night on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

The program is being presented in the evening to allow parents, relatives, friends and members of the community the opportunity to share in the honors being bestowed upon the senior graduates. School administrators feel this is only fitting as the local community deserves much of the credit for these achievements.

"The quality of family life, support and concern provided has contributed significantly toward the academic achievement and honors that these seniors will receive," was the statement released by the Grayling High School Counseling Office.

"A large portion of the 2000 graduating class will be recognized for

their achievements through state and local college scholarships, citizenship awards and a variety of academic awards," the release concluded.

The Grayling High School administration and faculty cordially invite all parents, relatives, friends and community members to support our honored seniors and the education system by sharing these special moments of honor.

NOTE: News items and event announcements to be included in the Community News Briefs must be submitted by 12 noon, on Monday to be included in that week's issue of the *Avalanche*. Space is offered on a first-come, first served basis.

Agency on Aging plans three public hearings

The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging will conduct three public hearings on its proposed Multi-Year Area Plan for Fiscal Years 2001-2003.

The plan will address distribution of funds and provision of services, under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

A copy of the summary will be available May 22 by contacting NEMCSA - Region 9 AAA, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707.

The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, June 8 at 10 a.m. at the Crawford County Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale Street, Grayling;

- Thursday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Presque Isle County Council on Aging, 6520 Darga Highway, Posen; and

- Friday, June 16 at 10 a.m. at the Tawas Senior Center, 312 Newman Street, East Tawas.

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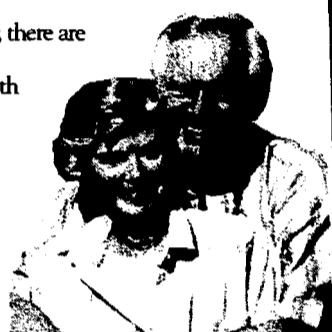
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The Bible Speaks

Ready For Antichrist?

For 2000 years the prophecy of the mark of the beast of antichrist was considered by many as unbelievable science fiction. Today the technology has arrived to fulfill the prophecy.

(Rev. 13:16-18) "And he (Antichrist) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three-score and six."

We have written already about the computer system chip which makes this possible. Syndicated columnist Tony Snow in an article 3/23/00 quoted Bill Joy, chief scientist and cofounder of Sun Microsystems concerning the potential for evil. Joy is quoted saying: "I think it is no exaggeration to say we are on the cusp of the further perfection of extreme evil, an evil whose possibility spreads well beyond that which weapons of mass destruction bequeathed to the nation-states, on to a surprising and terrible empowerment of extreme individuals." Joy warned, "...that continuing innovations in biotechnology could make it possible, either through inadver-

tence or design, to create a microbial Frankenstein capable of endangering the entire planet."

Joy's answer is to give the government absolute moral control over this technology. Snow challenged the wisdom of Joy's thinking. "He assumes for starters that commercial avarice will drown out society's predilection toward prudent self-preservation and that we lack the spark of divinity that would distinguish us forever from automata....He implies that flesh and blood humans are but defective calculating devices, replaceable by more infallible computers. He therefore proposes playing God by urging a tiny intellectual elite to save civilization by imposing the mother of all "thou shalt not's": Thou shalt not explore taboo topics...This makes him an heir to the Jacobins of the French Revolution who, in the name of reason, used the guillotine to terminate improper thinking. There is no way to shut off the intellectual spigot without resorting to thuggish totalitarianism.... Any philosophy that outlaws knowledge makes ignorance the king — and thus strengthens the despotic power of technologically proficient bad guys."

Will Christians oppose the rise of Antichrist? Eighty million professing Christians in America have not impacted society. They were silent as two of

the leading evangelicals were publicly branded "agents of intolerance." They were silent when a White House spokesman publicly equated Christians evangelizing people of other faiths with perpetuating "ancient religious hatred"! Christians are being openly demonized with impunity. They reveal no spiritual discernment, no Bible convictions or courage. Christ said, "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

SOFT BEDDING CAUSES INFANT SUFFOCATION

QUESTION: My daughter comes to visit and places her new baby on my bed to sleep. I told her she should bring a portable crib. I thought I read somewhere that babies shouldn't be placed on soft bedding. Is this correct?

SIGNED: Concerned Grandma

ANSWER: According to the Consumers Product Safety Commission, the only safe place for an infant under two years of age is in a crib. Last year, two five-month-old boys suffocated after being left on an adult bed with soft bedding. This incident prompted the CPSC to reissue their previous warnings about infant sleeping accommodations. According to the CPSC:

- Infants should never be put to sleep on soft bedding such as comforters, pillows, or sheepskin. Soft bedding in either a crib or an adult bed can closely cover an infant's face and may contribute to as many as 900 infant deaths each year.
- Infants placed on adult beds could become wedged between the

mattress and bed frame, the mattress and wall, or between the bed and a piece of furniture, causing suffocation or strangling.

- Suffocation could also occur when an infant is placed on a waterbed.

Because of these facts, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the following:

- Place infants to sleep on their backs on a firm tight fitting mattress within a crib that meets federal safety standards.
- Never put infants on adult beds, day beds, water beds or bunk beds.
- Never place infants to sleep on soft bedding, such as pillows, comforters or sheepskins.

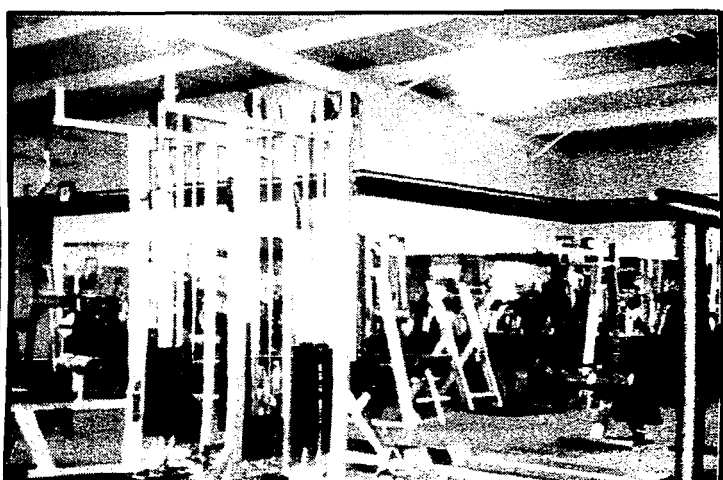
Mother-Daughter Banquet planned at Burning Bush Tabernacle

Everyone is invited to a Mother-Daughter Banquet planned for Friday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Burning Bush Tabernacle in Grayling.

Pastor Patricia Petrie hopes to

honor the relationship between mothers and daughters in the community by holding this fellowship and dinner event. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at (517) 348-1278.

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Increase your spiritual energy each Sabbath as you worship the One who strengthens you. You will welcome challenges with an attitude of acceptance for "you'll know it's working when you feel the burn."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Revelation 22:1-21	1 John 3:11-24	1 John 1:7-21	2 John 1:1-13	3 John 1:1-14	Romans 5:21-5:8	Romans 5:11

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Bible Study (Wed.) 10 am

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Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor James Briney
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
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348-5224
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
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Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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700-708 Peninsula - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays) 9:15 am
Daily Masses 8:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
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New Life Ministries
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Sunday Services 11:00 am

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Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Gordon French, Pastor
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
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Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
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Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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705 Madsen St. • Grayling
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

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Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15 am
Tuesday Night School 5:30 pm
Wednesday am Bible Study 9 am
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April 12th 7 pm

St. Francis Episcopal
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M-72 West - Office 348-5850
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Morning Praise 10:30 am
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
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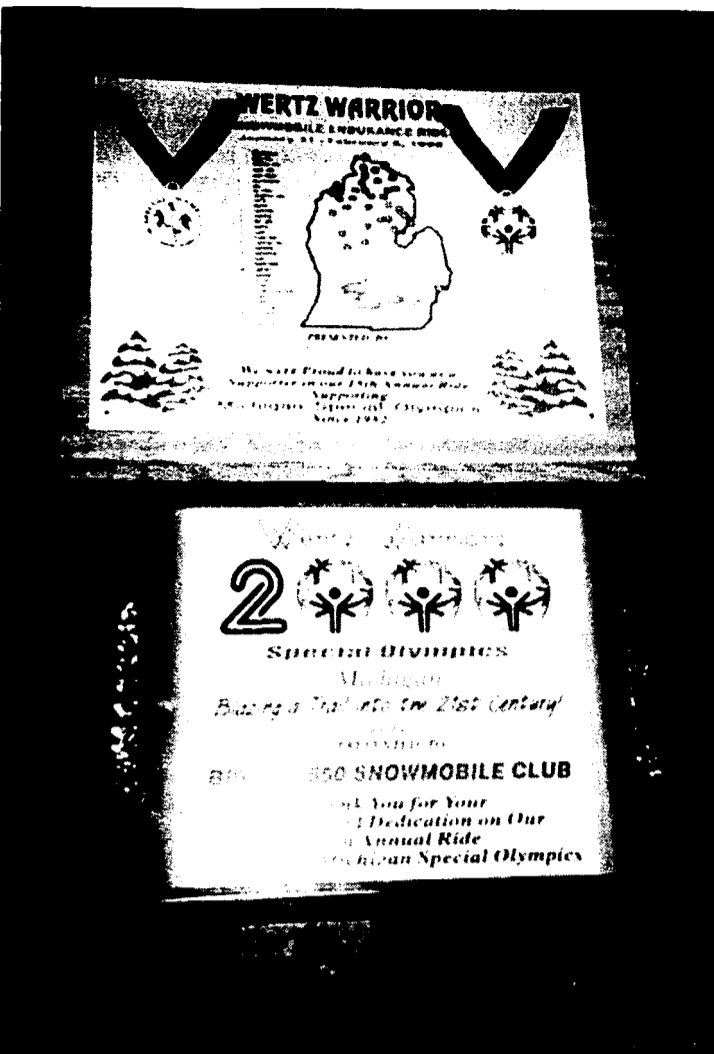


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These plaques were awarded by the Wertz Warriors, a Mount Clemens snowmobile club originated by the late Dick Wertz who was a Detroit Tiger third baseman in the 1970s. They were given in recognition of support received in helping them sponsor a winter Special Olympics program for handicapped children. The Wertz Warriors' goal is to raise enough money each year to pay the entire cost of putting on the winter Special Olympics games. Locally, Bill Spicer of Spicer's Boat City in Houghton Lake sponsored his own trail ride, including lunch in the woods and dinner at the Houghton Lake Moose Lodge. Through his efforts, \$25,000 was raised in support of Dick Wertz's Special Olympics.

Fox Run promotes Brown

Grayling resident and Fox Run Country Club employee Mike Brown was recently promoted to superintendent at Fox Run.

The superintendent is in charge of ground maintenance, grass, greens, landscaping, and other outside work involved with keeping the course in prime golfing shape.

Brown, who previously served as the golf course's assistant superintendent, was promoted after Superintendent Dan Bundy left to "pursue other opportunities," a Fox Run spokesperson said.

Brown has been with the country club for about four years. He and his wife Sharon, an employee of Grayling Mercy, have three children: son Chad, son Ben, and daughter Jessica.

Fox Run opened for the summer on April 21. Spring rates will be in effect until May 25: \$30 for 18 holes (with cart) on weekdays, \$35 on weekends.

Fox Run is located on Four Mile Road about a half-mile west of I-75.

ROSCOMMON'S 18TH ANNUAL PRO-AM CANOE RACE WEEKEND!

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Conservation and Reinvestment Act gains momentum

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs works to gather support for the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which awaits congressional approval to address conservation and coastal impact assistance funding using Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing revenues.

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) urges both the U.S. House and Senate to pass H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 (CARA). The MUCC has been working on CARA since 1996, when the proposal was entitled *Teaming With Wildlife*.

If passed, H.R. 701 would automatically set aside revenues from oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) providing badly needed funding for vital conservation programs. Monies would be designated for: coastal programs (\$1 billion); federal and state-side Land and Water Conservation Funds (\$450 million each); state wildlife agencies (\$350 million); urban parks (\$125 million); conservation easements (\$100 million); federal and tribal land restoration (\$200 million); historic preservation (\$100 million) and endangered species (\$50 million). A Senate version provides similar funding but lacks aid for conservation easements, land restoration, historic preservation and endangered



species.

Michigan could receive nearly \$60 million in aid to conservation programs. Dennis Knapp, MUCC's Resource Policy Division Deputy Director explains, "CARA sets a tremendous precedent for creating long-term

funding for conservation programs. With a super majority of sponsors and fourteen out of the sixteen Michigan Congressional delegates sponsoring the bill, the challenge is to get the leadership to bring the bill up for vote."

As a defender of Michigan's natural resources, MUCC feels our nation's non-renewable oil and gas resources should be reinvested in the protection of our wildlife, public lands and coasts. "H.R. 701 will not require any new taxes; it simply gives back to the land a portion of

the nearly \$4.5 billion the federal government annually receives from private OCS leases," Knapp stated.

Knapp concedes the MUCC and National Wildlife Federation have some concerns about CARA, but would like to see both bills passed. CARA recently received the support of Governor John Engler. The MUCC encourages all citizen to call their Congressional representative today to proclaim their support of CARA and to urge the bill be brought to a vote by Congressional leadership.

Construction set to begin on I-75 near Flint

Northbound motorists can expect detour and back-ups

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its contractor, Thompson-McCully began an aggressive \$11.3 million project to widen I-75 at the US-23 merge April 26.

Resurfacing the eight miles of I-75/US-23 will result in the full closure of northbound I-75 at I-475. All northbound I-75 traffic will be detoured onto I-475 during construction. Northbound I-75/US-23 construction is expected to be completed by the end of June.

"This is a major improvement to I-75/US-23 that will eliminate one of the state's 11 choke points that routinely slow traffic. The widening

of I-75 at the US-23 merge will significantly improve traffic flow and safety," said State Transportation Director James R. DeSana.

In addition to the widening of I-75 at the US-23 merge, and eight-mile stretch of I-75/US-23, from I-475 to Beecher Road, will be resurfaced. During construction, single lane closures will occur along I-75 during daytime hours. At night, motorists can expect as many as two lanes to be closed.

Work on northbound I-75/US-23 is expected to be completed by the end of June. In order to accommodate motorists during the height of Michigan's busy July and August

summer tourist season, MDOT will suspend work on areas of the roadway that impact I-75/US-23 thru traffic.

Work to resurface southbound I-75 between I-475 and Beecher Road will begin in September after the Labor Day holiday, with completion expected by the end of October.

Other work included in the project requiring short-term closures:

- Reconfiguration of ramps at Bristol and Miller roads.
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He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for General Motors at the Fisher Body Plant in Livonia and retired in 1975. He was an avid hunter.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Annette McKee and Mary Hein.

He is survived by his wife, Darline Matkovich of Blue Lake Township; one son, Allan (Catherine) Trombley of Taylor; four grandchildren, Mark (Elizabeth) Trombley of Taylor, Debra (Jeff) Martin of Belleville, Shaun Trombley of Brooklyn, New York, Brian Trombley of Taylor; two great grandchildren, Jordan and Jonathan Trombley, of Taylor; one brother, John (Pearle) Mackavich of Melbourne, Florida; one sister, Elsie Byrwa of Dearborn; several nieces and nephews.

A requiem mass was held Tuesday, April 25 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mancelona with Father Steven Soos officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Mancelona.

Memorials may be given to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in Mancelona.

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Margaret L. Erity

Jun 22, 1919 - Apr 24, 2000

Margaret L. Erity, 80, of Lapeer, formerly of Mio, died Monday, April 24.

Mrs. Erity was born in Detroit, the daughter of Paul and Ethel (Pinkley) Downey. She married Maurice Erity in December, 1939.

She was an avid bingo player, she loved crocheting and knitting. She was a former member of the Fairlane Study Group and Comins Township TOPS. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mio for many years. She was a loving homemaker.

She was preceded in death by one son, John in 1998; parents; brothers, Paul Downey Jr. and Robert Downey.

Her husband, Maurice Erity, died two days later, on April 26, 2000.

She is survived by two daughters, Virginia L. Lopez of Zephyrhills, Florida, and Cheri D. (Donald L.) Green of Lapeer; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Gerald (Kathy) Downey of Mio.

A joint visitation and rosary service was held for Maurice and Margaret on Wednesday, April 26 at the Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer with Deacon Jerry DeShaw officiating. Burial was in the Dawn Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Suncrest Auxiliary.

Arrangements by Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer.

Maurice Erity

Oct 24, 1915 - Apr 26, 2000

Maurice Erity, 84, of Lapeer, formerly of Mio, died Wednesday, April 26.

Mr. Erity was born in Detroit, the son of John and Louise (Sass) Erity. He married Margaret L. Downey in December, 1939.

He retired from Consumers Power Co. after 26 years as a gas lineman. He also worked 14 years in maintenance for the Pontiac Motor Division. He was a member of the Mio Dummy Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, April 24, 2000; son John in 1998; and his parents.

He is survived by two daughters, Virginia L. Lopez of Zephyrhills, Florida, and Cheri D. (Donald L.) Green of Lapeer; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Suncrest Auxiliary.

Arrangements by Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer.

Calvin Hawley

Sep 25, 1928 - May 1, 2000

Calvin Leland Paul Hawley, 71, of Grayling died Monday at Autumnwood in McBain.

Mr. Hawley was born in Brandner, Ohio, the son of Carl and Sarah (Washburn) Hawley. He married the former Betty Canfield on February 22, 1951 in Gaylord. Mr. Hawley worked for the Crawford County Road Commission for 31 years before his retirement in 1991. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, camping and loved working in his yard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law Cecil Canfield, and one granddaughter, Angela Lynn Labo.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Hawley of Grayling; five daughters, Connie (Ross) Argue of Grayling, Debbie (Ron) Calkins of Grayling, Cheryl (Ben) Labo of Frederic, Kim (Jim) Peckat of Grayling, and Billie Jo (Jim) Miller of Roscommon; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Juanita Woorsley of Oregon and Wanda Brockerman of Marion; three brothers, Jim (Ruth) Hawley of Baldwin, Floyd (Naomi) Hawley of Tennessee and Chuck (Rosilyn) Hawley of Vanderbilt.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Beaver Creek Community Center.

Arrangements by the Sorenson Funeral Home Inc.

Gail Best

Apr 9, 1899 - Apr 28, 2000

Gail Best, 101, of Grayling died Friday at home.

Mrs. Best was born in Williamston, the daughter of James Gilroy and Jennie (King) Davidson. Mrs. Best was a registered nurse and met her future husband, Dr. Luster F. Best, when they were both students at the University of Michigan. They lived in Jackson for over 60 years and were active members of the First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Luster F. Best on May 1, 1959.

She is survived by one son, Jack D. Best of Grayling; one granddaughter, Chris (David) Lee of Heidelberg, Germany; two great-grandchildren, Briana and India; several nieces and nephews and their families who were very close to Mrs. Best over the years.

Visitation will be Friday, May 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Sorenson Funeral Home with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in Roseland Memorial Gardens in Jackson.

Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice.

The family was served by the Sorenson Funeral Home Inc.

Anna Marie Bishop

Oct 28, 1941 - Apr 29, 2000

Anna Marie Bishop, 58, of Bay City, formerly of Grayling, died Monday, April 29 after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Bishop was born in Bay City, the daughter of Glenn and Margaret Ruegsegger.

She is survived by two children, Leann (Bob) Jansma and Keith (Stormee) Bishop all of Grayling; two grandchildren, Paige Jansma and Gerra Bishop both of Grayling; her parents, Glenn and Margaret Ruegsegger of Bay City; three sisters, Anita (Tom) Hine of Pinconning, Winifred (John) Görhey of Bay City, Kathleen (David) Wernli of Emporia, Kansas; four brothers, Glenn (Maria) Ruegsegger and Paul (Diane) Ruegsegger all of Pinconning, Clinton (Sherry) Ruegsegger of Bay City and Lee (Alice) Ruegsegger of Carlock, Illinois; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Apostolic Christian Church on May 2. Church clergy will officiate with burial following in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

The family was served by the Hyatt Ewald Funeral Home of Bay City.

James Anderson

Nov 12, 1924 - Apr 28, 2000

James Anderson, 75, of Bay City, formerly of Rose City, died Friday at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

Mr. Anderson was born in Detroit, the son of John and Annie (Armstrong) Anderson. He was a salesman. He was a member of the K of C and the Lions Club of Rose City.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rita.

He is survived by his two sons, Richard (Nova) Anderson of Grayling and Jim (Gwen) Anderson Jr. of Alger; two daughters, Susan (Lowell) Norton of West Branch and Kathy (James) Sochocki of West Branch, eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Annie Patterson of Fenton and Margaret Lesperance of Bay City.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 2 at Holy Family Catholic Church in West Branch with Fr. Miro D. Wiese OFM officiating.

The family was served by Steurenol & McLaren Funeral Homes Inc., of West Branch.

Card of Thanks

The family of Emma J. Bennett would like to thank Dean Meyering and Rev. J. Jaggers and all the family and friends that attended our mother's interment service on April 20, 2000.

Ted Bennett
Phyllis and Jack Bray

Camp looks to modernize senior drug benefits

Washington - The President and the House and Senate minority leaders held a news conference late last week on prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries and a new study by Family USA that suggests drug prices are rising faster than the rate of inflation.

In response, Rep. Dave Camp said, "Our plan is universally offered as an option under Medicare, and includes protection for all seniors from runaway out-of-pocket drug expenses. The President's plan fails to cover seniors' drug costs once they exceed \$2,000, which leaves them too vulnerable to escalating drug prices."

"The GOP plan for prescription drugs is affordable, available and voluntary for all seniors, contrary to what the President said earlier in the news conference. I must clarify that our plan helps our seniors by creating a private-public partnership to help cover the costs of the sickest patients."

Rep. Dave Camp, on April 12, with other members of the House Prescription Drug Task Force, unveiled a comprehensive plan to strengthen Medicare while modernizing the program with a prescription drug benefit for seniors. "Even the American Association of Retired Persons has stated that our plan would provide prescription drugs for low-income seniors without jeopardizing the Medicare," Camp said.

"I want to help seniors who rely on prescription drugs but simply cannot afford them. We need and want to protect Medicare," Camp said. "The bottom line is no American should be forced to choose between food, shelter, and other basic necessities and the life-saving prescription drugs they need."

HONORS

Davenport College

Davenport College, Gaylord Center, announces the following local students have achieved Dean's List honors recognition for the Winter 2000 term:

Karina Bak, Jennifer Barr, Marsha Brown, Elizabeth Burzynski, Deanna Campbell, Tina Canfield, Marcia Eilers, Ondrea Felker, Bill Flynn, Melanie Hamina, Joshua Howell, Mark Huffman, Brenda Kuzyk, Jennifer Leitelt, Tom Marben, Patricia Marx, Holly Matewicz, Melissa McClerren, Robert Pallarito, Tabatha Peters, Wendy Pratt, Patricia Repp, Donna Rogers, Angelina Sadro, Nidia Samalik, Gail Stahl, Karen Thomas, Joseph Wambold, James Wash.

Students who have achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average, while enrolled at least part time as a Davenport student, are awarded Dean's List honors.

HOMETOWN News

It's a very small world! While seated in a small restaurant in the Latin Quarter of Paris, a woman leaned over and said, "You are Bob Bovee. Do you remember me, Gayle Mills (now Dodson)?" She sends greetings to her former Grayling colleagues after asking about many of them.

Bob and Fay Bovee and their grandson, Paul Smith of Saugerties, New York, returned from two weeks in Paris, Switzerland, and Germany. Paul will be 16 this month and the trip was his birthday present.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all the doctors and nurses at Mercy Hospital for the fine care Ann Hanson received during her final months. Your warmth, dedication and kindness were deeply appreciated by Ann, and will always be remembered by us.

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83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencing for March, 2000

Honorable Dennis Murphy:

Joshua Aaron Mueller, 19, of Lansing - Cont. Sub Poss of Marijuana - Ordered to pay \$500 fines/costs and placed on 365 days probation.

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Robert James Olive, 33, of Grayling - License/Suspend, Revoked-2nd - Ordered to pay \$755 restitution fines/costs and/or 75 days in jail; placed on 184 days probation.

Howard Conrad Sartin Jr., 27, of Grayling - License/Suspend, Revoked-2nd - Sentenced to 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$755 fines/costs and/or 40 days in jail; placed on 184 days probation.

Bradley Maxwell Rice, 21, of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$660 fines/costs and/or 66 days in jail.

Gary Robert Sum, 35, of Sylvania - Operate under the Influence of Liquor - Ordered to pay \$1,080

fines/costs and/or 90 days in jail; placed on 184 days probation.

Terry Lynn Adkison, 21, of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$430 costs/fines and/or 30 days in jail.

David Roy Oakes, 41, of Warren - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs.

John Joseph Ryan, 24, of Grayling - Retail Fraud-Second Degree - Sentenced to 180 days in jail; ordered to pay \$260 fines/costs and/or 26 days in jail.

James Allen Lyons Jr., 36, of Lansing - OUIL/per se - Sentenced to 10 days in jail, with credit for 10 days served; ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail; placed on 184 days probation; ordered to 40 hours of community service.

Gregory James Calkins, 36, of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

Robert Louis Salvatore, 58, of

Warren - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs and/or 43 days in jail.

William Charles Krause, 52, of Grayling - OUIL/per se - Sentenced to 5 days in jail, with credit for 5 days served; ordered to pay \$800 fines/costs and/or 80 days in jail; placed on 365 days probation.

John Joseph Ryan, 24, of Grayling - Retail Fraud-Second Degree - Sentenced to 180 days in jail; ordered to pay \$500 fines/costs and/or 50 days in jail; ordered to pay \$6.38 restitution; placed on 365 days probation.

David Allen Krupinski, 46, of Roscommon - Retail Fraud Third Degree - Ordered to pay \$60 fines/costs and/or 6 days in jail.

Thomas James Olszewski, 41, of Grayling - Attempted Assault/Battery - Ordered to pay \$380- fines/costs and/or 38 days in jail; ordered to pay \$234.76 restitution.

James Allen Gleason, 36, of

Grayling - Aggravated Assault - Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 55 days served.

Stewart Lynn Olger Jr., 21, of Onondaga - Disturbance of the Peace - Ordered to pay \$210 fines/costs and/or 21 days in jail; ordered to pay \$739 restitution.

Robert Joseph Loughlin Jr., 43, of Taylor - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$430 fines/costs.

Susan M. Smith, 45, of Grayling - Non Sufficient Funds under \$100 - Ordered to pay \$85 fines/costs.

Kevin Dennis Vial, 43, of Oak Park - License Suspended/Revoked-Allow Suspend. Person Operate - Ordered to pay \$330 fines/costs; placed on 184 days probation.

Jeramie Steven Ruby, 24, of Grayling - Assault/Assault and Battery - Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 60 days served; ordered to pay \$730 fines/costs; placed on 183 days probation; ordered to 40 hours of community service.

MILITARY NEWS

Kenneth Paxton, a 1998 Grayling High School graduate enlisted in the National Guard on April 5. He is assigned to the 1071st Maintenance Company at Camp Grayling.

Private Paxton will depart for

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 49 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from April 23 through April 29:

Six false alarms, two animal control complaints, one assault, four assists to other departments, one civil complaint, three juvenile complaints, eight larcenies, two motorist assists, three suspicious situations, one private property accident, five traffic accidents, one civil infraction citation, one traffic control, and 11 miscellaneous complaints. In addition, 10 traffic warnings were given.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled during May 3 through May 9.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Rod F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Military maneuvers, mortar and infantry live fire training exercises.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 12, located south of the Main Post, bounded on the east by Carrier Road and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road).

Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Tank gunnery.

In addition, the following roads will be closed:

- Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.
- Bald Hill Truck Trail from CR 612 to North Down River Rd.
- Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Rd.

- Stephan Bridge Road from CR 612 to North Down River Rd.
- Wakeley Bridge Road from CR 612 to North Down River Rd.

During April and May, controlled burning of underbrush and downed trees will be conducted on Camp Grayling range impact areas, weather permitting and in coordination with the Michigan DNR to reduce further fire danger.

For further information, call (517) 344-6107 or (517) 344-6152/56.

Basic Training June 28, then go to Aberdeen Proving Grounds for training as a 44B, Metal Worker. Some of his duties as a metal worker include welding ferrous and non-ferrous metals using oxyacetylene, electric arc, and inert gas welding equipment. Repair, repaint, and install metal body components to include radiators, fuel tanks, and to modify other related items.

Paxton qualified for the GI Bill of \$9,180 and the 50% tuition reimbursement program, up to \$2,000 per year.

He is the son of Myron Paxton of Surprise, Arizona and Terri Struss of Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 114 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of April 24 - April 30:

Four driving violations/DWLS, three delinquent minors, one valid alarm, three false alarms, one hazardous condition; 30 general non-criminal, 15 traffic accidents (eight car-deer, one car-turkey), one traffic violation/civil, two parking violations, two motor vehicle inspections, four civil matter disputes/family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one missing person, one assault/intimidation/stalking, seven burglary/home invasion, five larceny, one motor vehicle theft, four property damage, one destroy/injure property of police, one resisting officer, three public peace/disorderly, one operating under influence of alcohol, 11 health and safety (nine animal control), four conservation, one miscellaneous.

Starker-Mann Biathlon planned

Start spring training now and become a "Starker-Mann" on May 20. That's the date the Gaylord Area Convention and Tourism Bureau along with Otsego Memorial Hospital of Gaylord bring the 15th annual Starker-Mann Biathlon offering a race for everyone. Individual and Team Divisions are all a part of this challenging Biathlon.

The name "Starker-Mann" is German for "strong man" and the long course lives up to the name. Individual racers compete on a course consisting of a 3.1 mile run, 18-mile bike and a 3.1 mile run through the rolling terrain and spectacular scenery of Northern Michigan. Awards will be given in many different age divisions and all participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt as well as food and drink. Entry fees are \$30 through May 19, and \$35 on race day.

There are three categories for relay teams of one runner and one

biker - male, female and coed. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in all three categories. Registration for the team event is \$40 per team through May 19 and \$45 on race day. All entrants receive a long sleeve t-shirt and food and drink.

For novices and beginners the Starker-Mann offers a short or fun race. This course consists of a 1.5 mile run, a 10-mile bike followed by a 0.25 mile run winding through moderate elevation changes. Registration is \$18 (with a shirt) or \$10 (without a shirt) and all racers receive a medal, food, drink and lots of camaraderie.

A total of 200 participants are expected to complete the race, which begins and ends at Otsego Club, one mile east of Gaylord. Proceeds benefit the Gaylord High School cross-country team. Call 1-800-345-8621 or (517) 732-4000 to receive your entry brochure.

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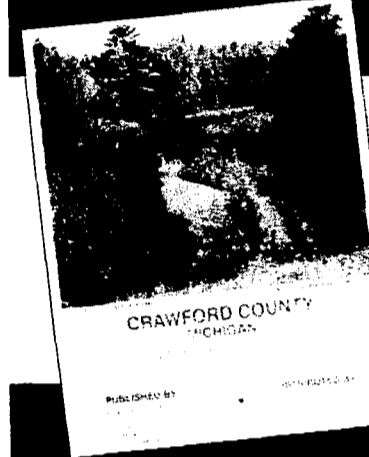
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Standish man claims first morels in Crawford area

Hunters have hit the woods in force since northern Michigan received a little rain late last week. They're not looking for turkeys, but a valuable form of fungus.

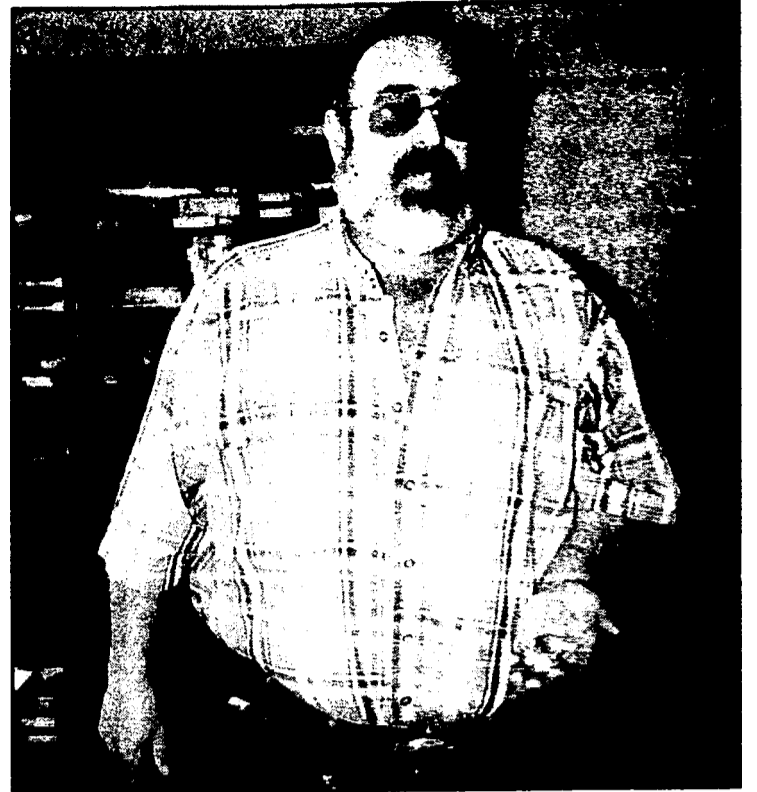
Ray Davis (right), of Standish, appears to be a little ahead of local hunters. He brought these morel mushrooms into the office of the *Crawford County Avalanche* on April 26.

Although the little prizes were smaller than he would have liked to have found, he was proud to hear he was

the first to bring any to the newspaper. Davis, who is a distributor of the *Bay City Times*, would only say he found the morels in a little open field near Frederic.



Photos by Cheryl Ruley



Weather Spotter Class offered next week

With the potential of severe spring weather on our doorstep, the American Red Cross, National Weather Service and Crawford County Emergency Management will be presenting a basic Weather Spotter Class next week.

This class will present instruction on identifying cloud formations and severe weather potential as well as reviewing the criteria for severe weather.

Anyone 12 years or older is welcome to attend and there is no charge for the program.

The Weather Spotter Class will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, just off M-72 West, east of M-93.

Contact Crawford County Emergency Management at (517) 348-4911 for any additional information.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Permission forms must be signed for all children under the age of 14 to use the Internet at the Crawford County Library.

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The branch libraries in Frederic and Lovells, new book lists, the card catalog for Crawford County Library (and the cooperative Michigan Electronic Library), a direct link to Library e-mail and various search engines are all avail-

able from the Crawford County Library home page. Type "Crawford County Library Grayling" and most search engines will bring you to this home page.

This site can be bookmarked or made a favorite.

For more information, call 348-9214.

To join the Friends of the Library, call the library at 348-9214 or Shirley Schmooch at 348-5132.

• The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: 348-9214. Web site: www.nlc.lib.mi.us/members/crawford/

• The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects! Take often!

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

May 4 - Lucky 7 Casino trip at 10:30 a.m.; Blood pressures, 11 a.m. - noon; Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

May 5 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

May 7 - Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 9 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

May 10 - Commodities at the Eagles from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Nova & Co. games at 12:30 p.m.; birthday dinner and white elephant auction at 5 p.m.

May 11 - COA Personnel Committee; Cardo at 5:30 p.m.

May 12 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

May 13 - Foot Clinic, by appointment only.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday: a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

MENU FOR MAY 2000

May 3 - Spanish Rice/Brown steak

May 4 - BBQ beef/Porcupine meatballs

May 5 - Pork Chops/no dinner
May 7 - Brunch with eggs and American fries (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

May 8 - Lasagna/Wiener Schnitzel

May 9 - Sweet & Sour Meatballs/Mothers Day dinner and dance.

May 10 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham

May 11 - Herbed Chicken/Fish

May 12 - Beef Chop Suey/no dinner

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GMS Students of the Month announced



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APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – The following students were chosen as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for April: Duane Brady, Erin Caverly, Jessica DeMoines, Jaimi Drudge (absent), Jacob Emmons, Ryan Feldhauser, James Haven, Joe Lange, Tracey Lewis, Nikki Lynch, James Markert, Mike Mathews, Christen McBride, Kim McDaniel, Crystal Miller, Josh Millikin (absent), Erin Morrell, Mallory Olson, Skylynn Palmer, Teddy Pavey, Drew Rasmussen (absent), Randee Reynolds, Aaron Rosecrans, Apryl Rugenstein, Frankie Schweizer, Amber Scott (absent), Brittany Sloan, Dan Snider, Jessica Stewart, Kyle Trudgeon (absent), April Wheeler (absent), and Zack Wegner.

Local student named to achievement academy

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has announced Brandi McClain, of Grayling, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership and Service.

According to the USAA, the award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American High school students.

McClain, who attends Grayling High School (GHS), was nominated for this national award by Maureen Nowak, a teacher and Student Senate Advisor at GHS. McClain's name will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook.

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Brandi McClain

youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the USAA. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, cit-

izenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

McClain is the daughter of Dave and Gayle McLain of Grayling. The Grandparents are Jerry and Wilda McClain; and Morden and Gloria Post, all of Grayling.

Sabin named as MSU hall mentor

David Sabin, of Grayling, has been selected by Michigan State University as one of 187 mentors, formerly known as resident assistants, to facilitate positive living and learning communities and serve as resources for students living in residence halls during the 2000-2001 academic year.

"Students who are chosen to be mentors are people who demonstrate leadership skills and are viewed as positive role models by their peers," said Anne Bolger, director of Residence Life. "They have strong decision-making skills and are students who have really

taken advantage of the MSU experience and have maximized it. They are the type of people we want to have strong contact with students who are entering residence halls."

The 2000-2001 academic year will be the first to use the term "mentor" instead of "resident assistant" for this position.

Mentors serve as primary facilitators of a floor community in the residence hall and have specific responsibilities for working with students on a particular floor. They create learning communities, plan programs and activities, refer students to campus resources, help

with problem-solving and mediate conflicts.

Sabin is currently in his junior year at MSU and is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School. He is the son of David and Sherry Sabin of Grayling.



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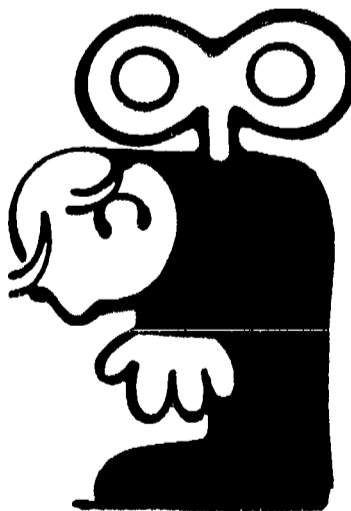
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Four GHS athletes are state champs

Power lifting team takes 2nd at State tournament

► Grayling lifters finish 2nd out of 14 teams at final meet of the '99-00 season

The Grayling High School power lifting team finished its '99-00 season by placing 2nd out of 14 teams at the Upper Peninsula State Tournament in Newberry last month.

Four Grayling lifters took state championships in their weight divisions: Jason Arwood (11th grade), 145-pound division, varsity; Bob Cooper (10th grade), heavyweight division, JV; Tasha Carlisle (12th grade), womens 165-pound division, varsity; Johnathan Bryant (9th grade), 132-pound division, JV. (Carlisle also won "Best Overall

Female Lifter.")

Other medalists from the Grayling team included: Josh Quintano (11th grade), 2nd place, heavyweight division, varsity; Mike Arwood (12 grade), 3rd place, 242-pound division, varsity; Travis LaMotte (10th grade), 3rd place, 165-pound division, JV; George Cooper (11th grade), 4th place, 220-pound division, varsity; Tim Tubbs (11th grade), 155-pound division, varsity.

Also scoring team points for Grayling were: Matt Gabriel (10th grade), 7th place, 145-pound division, JV; Roy Middleton (9th grade), 6th place, 181-pound division, JV. (Team members Dan Corwin and Nate Sloan were unable to attend the event.)

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See "POWER LIFTING..."



Photo courtesy of Kevin Annis

GHS lifter Jason Arwood squats 295 pounds at the Newberry tournament on April 8. Arwood took 1st place in the 145-pound varsity division.

JV baseball team sweeps Braves

► Vikes take 2 from Tawas, but fall to G's

Grayling High School's JV baseball team swept the Tawas Braves in Grayling last Friday, defeating the Braves 7-4 and 5-1.

In game one, pitcher Larry Baynham went the distance and picked up the victory.

At the plate, Justin Schreiber had 2 hits and 3 RBI; Baynham had 2 hits and 1 run scored; and R.J. Schmidt had two hits and scored once to lead the GHS attack.

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See "JV BASEBALL..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Larry Baynham pitches for the Vikings.

Trout season opens

► Saturday, April 29 marks the start of trout season 2000

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

It was a nice day for it. Trout season opened this past Saturday with a clear, sunny day and mild temperatures, allowing for favorable fishing conditions on the AuSable and Manistee rivers.

"(Trout fishermen) did real well on the rivers," said Brian Palmer of Skip's Sport Shop. "A lot of people caught their limits over the weekend."

The Fly Factory noted that conditions are very good for this early in the fishing season, though water levels are still low. Hendricksons are hatching, and black caddis, blue winged olives, and even a few

black stoneflies have also been spotted.

Though anglers may have had a good trout opener on the rivers, fishing conditions on area lakes appear to be less favorable, at least for right now.

"It was pretty dead," said Palmer, "one of the slowest openers in a while for the lakes."

Water temperatures are low, which makes the fish sluggish. Skip's Sport Shop reported . Anglers have been getting a few pike and perch on Lake Margrethe, but fishing for panfish has been slow, they said.

Trout regulations have changed this year in many sections of area

rivers, causing some amount of confusion for fishermen. Skip's noted that many anglers have come in with questions already.

Unlike in years past, the Department of Natural Resources has published a separate booklet for trout regulations this season, the *Inland Trout and Salmon Guide 2000*.

To get all the information on area trout regulations and general fishing rules, anglers should pick up a free copy of the *Inland Trout and Salmon Guide 2000* in addition to the *2000 Michigan Fishing Guide* at Skip's Sport Shop or wherever you buy your fishing license.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Dave Becker Jr. of Saginaw fishes on the Manistee River on opening day of trout season, Saturday, April 29. For more information on fishing, check out the "Fishing Report" on Page 4B.

"He is a very knowledgeable football man."

- GHS Athletic Director Bill Klinger on new GHS Head Football Coach Scott Cousineau.



Scott Robert Cousineau
GHS Football Team
Head Coach

GHS hires football coach

► After interviews with 8 candidates, Scott Cousineau named new coach

Grayling High School recently named Scott Robert Cousineau of New Lothrop, Michigan to the position of GHS Head Football Coach.

Cousineau will replace Coach Rodney Patterson, who resigned after the 1999 season following five years of coaching the Grayling Vikings.

Over 30 applications were received for the head coach and assistant coach positions. Eight of the applicants were interviewed, and Cousineau was selected for the job.

"One, he is going to make football fun," said GHS Athletic Director Bill Klinger. "That's his philosophy. Two, he cares about his athletes. And three, he is a very knowledgeable football man."

Cousineau has coached football for 17 years. He has coached at Fulton-Middleton High School, Copperas Cove Junior High, Lake Orion High School, Bishop Foley High School, and most recently at New Lothrop High School. He has also coached track and baseball at the high school level.

His teaching background includes U.S. and world history, government, world cultures, physical education, and weight training. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Alma College with a major in physical education and a minor in history, and a Master of Arts Degree from Central Michigan University, with a major in secondary educational administration.

Cousineau and his wife of 14-and-a-half years, Theresa, have two daughters: Kelly, 8, and Rebecca, 5. He plans to move to Grayling after the current school year.

Girls soccer team loses 1-0

► Varsity Vikings fall to Spartans by one in home match

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS girls soccer team played a solid game against Pinconning at home last Wednesday, but lost the match 1-0.

"We had quite a few starters out due to the band trip (to Washington D.C.)," said Coach Karen Langseth. "The girls played really well. Even though they were missing starters, the girls did better this game than their first match against Pinconning this year."

(The Vikings lost 3-2 the first time around against the Spartans.)

The Pinconning team scored its only goal of the game at the 28-minute mark in the first half on a long shot that sailed just over goalkeeper Sarah McGuire's fingertips.

Grayling's defense stepped up, playing with a lot of hustle and determination. Grayling held Pinconning scoreless the rest of the game, but the Vikings couldn't generate any offense.

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See "GIRLS SOCCER..."



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Rachel Ramaswamy controls the ball for Grayling.

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Vikings defeat Tawas, lose to Gladwin

► Varsity baseball team moves to 8-4 with a sweep at Tawas, losses to G's

The GHS varsity baseball team won a doubleheader at Tawas last week, but lost a two-game series to Gladwin, wrapping up the third week of the squad's season. The Vikings are now 8-4 this year.

At Tawas last Friday, GHS defeated the Braves 18-6 and 7-2.

"(It was) our best offensive effort of the year," said Coach Duane VanDrese of game one. "We exploded for 20 hits."

The team had a big second inning, racking up seven runs. Levi Burkett led off with a single, Eli Tobin followed with a double, and Mike D'Amour drove the next pitch deep

for his third home run of the year. Grayling scored five more runs in the fifth inning on singles by John Herrick, Burkett, D'Amour, and Mike Ketchum. GHS scored another five runs in the sixth inning, including a three-run homer by Brad Gorski, his first career home run.

Gorski, Ketchum, Ryan Mahaffy, and Herrick each had three hits in the game. D'Amour had five RBI.

Ray Trudgeon picked up the win, his second of the season. He pitched six innings, surrendering six runs on nine hits. He struck out four and walked four, improving his record to 2-0.

In the second game, the Vikings started out a little slow on offense, but picked up the pace later. In the fourth inning, D'Amour led off with a double, and after a ground-out, Jon Haskel hit a RBI triple. Mahaffy closed out the fourth inning scoring with a RBI single. In the fifth, Ketchum singled to open the inning, and Trudgeon hit a long two-run homer, his second of the year, to complete the scoring for GHS.

Herrick pitched for Grayling, and earned his third win of the year. He allowed just three hits and two walks, while striking out four.

"John didn't have his best stuff today but showed his tenacity by battling and soaking up innings for us," said VanDrese.

"It was a great effort from our kids after a disappointing start to the week," said Coach VanDrese. "We showed a lot of heart today in bouncing back and beating a pretty good, young Tawas team."

"I can't say enough about how we hit the ball today, getting 30 hits in the two games. It was completely contagious," said VanDrese. "Mike Ketchum was on base in seven of his eight plate appearances. We also got great production out of the bottom of the order today with Ryan Mahaffy getting five hits, John Herrick getting three, and Ray Trudgeon providing a big home run. That was a pleasant surprise."

Earlier in the week, the Vikings fell to the Gladwin Flying G's 11-1 and 4-2 in a series at Grayling.

"(This was) easily our most disappointing effort of the year," said VanDrese of the 11-1 loss in game one. "We committed nine errors. We had opportunities to get back into the game, but we stranded several runners."

Gorski, who ended up taking the loss, pitched the first three innings of the game, allowing six runs on four hits and three walks. D'Amour finished the game in relief.

Rusty Strohpaal and Burkett had Grayling's only hits.

In game two, the Vikings turned in a better performance, but lost by



Photos by Caleb Casey

Viking pitcher Mike D'Amour delivers to home plate.

two runs, 4-2.

Gorski and Burkett each had two hits in the game.

"We played much better in game two," said Coach VanDrese. "John (Herrick) pitched well enough to win. He has given us an opportunity to win every time he's gone out."

Herrick struck out eight batters, and walked only two. He surrendered four runs on five hits.

The Vikings committed two errors in the fourth inning, allowing Gladwin to score two runs and take the lead for good.

"It was a disappointing day for us and uncharacteristic for us to lose baseball games that way," said

Coach VanDrese. "I'm confident that we'll turn it around and get back to playing better baseball, however."

"The goal is for us to put ourselves in a position to make a run in our conference now," said VanDrese. "We are currently 4-2 in the conference, and 4-2 non-conference. We should know a lot more about ourselves at the end of next week. We're excited to see where we are."

The team played back to back home series against Gaylord and Pinconning earlier this week. The Vikings will play at Oscoda on May 9, and will host Bay City John Glenn on May 12 at 4 p.m.



Rusty Strohpaal takes a lead-off at first base.

JV baseball team sweeps Braves

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Wes Fox got the win in the second match, pitching the entire game and holding Tawas to one run.

Offensive leaders were: Nick D'Amour, 2 walks, 3 steals, 2 runs scored; Fox, 2 hits; and Baynham, 2 RBI.

"This was the best defensive effort by the boys so far this year,"

said Coach Mark Barkowski.

The team didn't fare quite as well earlier in the week, as GHS lost to Gladwin 7-6 (in extra innings) and 15-6 on Tuesday, April 25, in Gladwin.

Grayling led 6-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning of game one, but Gladwin tied the game 6-6 and went on to beat Grayling 7-6 in the eighth.

"Justin Schreiber pitched well in the first game, giving up only three runs in six innings," said Coach Barkowski.

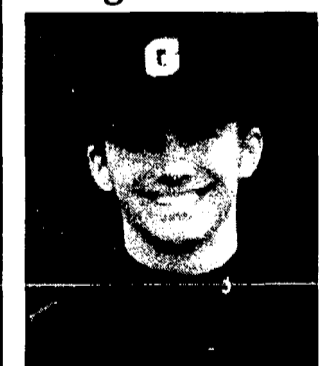
Leading hitters in game one were: D'Amour and Fox, with 3 hits each; and Adam Kaiser, Baynham, and Ryan Swope, with 2 hits each.

In the second game, Baynham, Schreiber, Swope, and Schmidt each had 2 hits.

The team will face Oscoda on Tuesday, May 9, in Grayling at 4 p.m. On May 12, the Vikings will play at Bay City John Glenn.

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Varsity softball team falls to Gladwin

► Vikings shut out twice in home series against Gladwin G's

The GHS varsity softball team couldn't muster any offense last week against some strong Gladwin pitching, falling to the G's 6-0 and 10-0 in a doubleheader last Tuesday in Grayling.

The Vikings played solid defense in game one, holding the G's to six runs, but couldn't generate any offensive production.

"Grayling worked hard to keep Gladwin to six runs," said Coach Donna Boughner. "The first inning we gave up four runs, and then Grayling held them to only two runs for the rest of the six innings. This is a clear sign that this team has potential to win games defensively."

"Tabatha Ketchum had her best game of the year with no errors, no passed balls, a put-out, and an assist. She also caught a girl stealing second," said Coach Boughner. "Arica Wolcott pitched both games, with no wild pitches, three K's, and only three walks."

"The Gladwin pitcher had 17 strikeouts!" noted Boughner. "Needless to say, we were not hitting the ball."

Mel Paxton and Tabitha Harney had the only hits for Grayling. Jamie Dent had two stolen bases.

Grayling lost the second game as well.

"The hitting improved this game, we at least got our bats on the ball," said Coach Boughner. "We had four hits and four women on. Unfortunately, we left them on base."

"Defensively we are showing improvement, only two errors this game," Boughner said. "Arica



Arica Wolcott pitches for the Vikings.

Wolcott pitched and played great defensively. She had three put-outs that were great plays. Sumner had three put-outs and three assists."

Dent, Sumner, Paxton, and Harney each had one hit for Grayling in the match.

The team will play at Oscoda on Tuesday, May 9, at 4 p.m. On May 12, the Vikings will host Bay City John Glenn.



Second baseman Tabitha Harney makes a throw to first.



Leftfielder Andrea Elmy makes the catch.

Photos by Caleb Casey

GHS boys tennis team opens 2000 season

► Squad starts out 0-4 with meets vs. Traverse City, Alpena, Harbor Springs, Petoskey

The GHS boys tennis team has played four matches so far this season, taking on Alpena, Traverse City St. Francis, Harbor Springs, and Petoskey (JV). The Vikings are 0-4.

"Our team is young and inexperienced, but showing improvement," said Coach Tom Mills. "We need to be more consistent and have less unforced errors. Serving has been a major problem, we need to get more first serves in."

This year's team consists of: Justin Fenn, Mike Pappas, Ryan Mirate, Caleb Fedak, Dan Mead, Todd Gaffke, Dave Hawkins, Josh Brannan, Carter Pavey, Marcus Marelich, Nick Newkirk, James Lawrence, and Will Armstrong.

The team plays four singles matches and three doubles matches at meets, along with exhibition games. Singles and doubles events are ranked #1, #2, #3, etc., with the #1 Viking player matching up with the #1 ranked player on the opposite team at meets. The #2 player (or doubles team) goes against #2 of the other team, and so on down the line.

Position rankings on the team can change throughout the season as players challenge each other in practice.

The team will play at Boyne Mountain this weekend. On Monday, May 8, the Vikings will host Elk Rapids at 4 p.m.

"Students have been supportive," Mills noted. "It's nice to have fan support. We're looking forward to the Boyne Invitational on May 5."



Justin Fenn returns a ball during a singles match.



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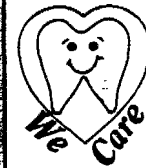
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Power lifting team takes 2nd at State tourney

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Several Grayling lifters set new U.P. State records at the Newberry tournament. Carlisle, women's 165-pound division, squat: 235, bench, 155, dead lift 305; Jason Arwood, mens 145-pound division, dead lift: 375, combined total (in the three lifting events): 870; Quintano, mens heavyweight division, bench: 325; Bob Cooper, JV heavyweight, squat: 420.

Over 225 lifters from 14 Michigan schools took part in the U.P. State Tournament. A few of the competing schools included Boyne City, Petoskey, Sault Ste. Marie, and Alpena.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Annis

The GHS power lifting team, with 2nd place U.P. State Tournament trophy: (front, left to right) George Cooper, Tasha Carlisle, Tim Tubbs, Roy Middleton, Bob Cooper, Jason Arwood, (back, left to right) Travis LaMotte, Matt Gabriel, Manager J.B. Quintano, Mike Arwood, Coach Kevin Annis, Josh Quintano, Johnathan Bryant.

Local skier takes 3rd in national ski competition

► Mike Wieland, GHS ski coach, places 3rd in Nastar event in Colorado

Mike Wieland, Grayling High School's ski team coach, placed third in his age division in the Nastar ski championship event held on April 8 and 9 in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

The competition featured 240 skiers. Qualifiers had to finish in the top three of their age group at one of the nation's 100 resorts that hold Nastar races. The qualifiers met on four courses at Beaver Creek to determine age class champions.

Wieland placed 3rd in the 60-years-old and over age group, which included 40 racers, earning a bronze medal. He placed 15th overall in the two-day competition out of 105 racers age 40 and up. He took 25th overall out of all 240 competitors.

Gold, silver, and bronze Nastar championship medals were distributed to the winners at an awards dinner held at the conclusion of the weekend event.



Mike Wieland

Hanson Hills Skate Park hosts competition

► Several prizes awarded to northern Michigan skaters at park's grand opening

The Hanson Hills Skate Park recently held its official grand opening ceremony, a competition for skateboarders and rollerbladers.

The event, held on Saturday, April 22, featured skaters from Grayling, and several other northern Michigan communities. About half of the nearly 40 competitors were from out of town, said event organizer Joe Lehman.

Skaters got two freestyle runs each, while music played and fellow skaters cheered them on. Points were tallied by a panel of judges to determine the final winners in each category.

The competition was sponsored by Boards and Beyond, a new skate-

board and skateboard accessory shop located on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. The winners of each division received prizes donated by the skate shop (with the exception of the \$50 worth of free skating at the Hanson Hills Skate Park).

The winners, their hometown, points awarded at the competition, and prizes they received (if applicable), were:

ROLLERBLADERS:
Beginner: 1st place - Wade McGregor, Grayling, 47 points, \$50 of free skating at the Hanson Hills Skate Park; 2nd place - Brad Bertalan, Grayling, 39 points, T-shirt; 3rd place - Alan Lehman, Grayling, 28 points; 4th place - Jason Wilson, Grayling, 26 points; 5th place - Mark Schoppe, Roscommon, 23 points;

Advanced: 1st place - Jared Nelson, Cadillac, 102 points, \$50 of free skating at the Hanson Hills Skate Park; 2nd place - Nick McNamar, Grayling, 78 points, hat; 3rd place - Guma Musuda, Grand Rapids, 67 points; 4th place - Paul Schoppe, Roscommon, 54 points; 5th place - Daniel Swartzendruber, Grand Rapids, 41 points;

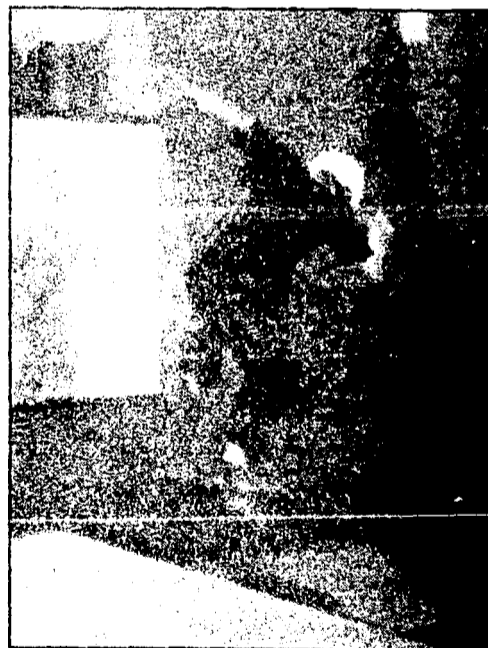
SKATEBOARDERS:
Beginner: 1st place - Tom

Thompson, Kalkaska, 26 points, new board and grip tape; 2nd place - Jacob Bondar, Grayling, 25 points, set of wheels; 3rd place (tie) - Jarin Beard, Grayling, 23 points; 3rd place (tie) - Brett Weiss, Gaylord, 23 points;

Intermediate: 1st place - Nick Black, Alpena, 25 points, new board and grip tape; 2nd place - Matt Boardman, Grayling, 24 points, new bearings; 3rd place - Chad Jones, Fife Lake, 23 points, set of wheels;

Advanced: 1st place - Matt Verlae, Grayling, 33 points, new board; 2nd place - Aaron Christenson, Traverse City, 30 points, hat; 3rd place (tie) - Dustin Black, Alpena, 26 points, set of wheels; 3rd place (tie) - Derek Hamilton, Alpena, 26 points;

With 38 skaters competing in all, Lehman felt the turnout was good,



Skateboarders and rollerbladers from all over northern Michigan competed in the Skate Park's grand opening event on Saturday, April 22.

especially for the first time around. Lehman hopes to organize another competition this year.

"I would like to do another one this summer, maybe in July," he said.

FISHING REPORT

RIVERS: Water levels are low, but fishing conditions are good, especially for this early in the season. Hendricksons, black caddis, and blue winged olives are a few of the main hatches right now. Some black stoneflies have also been hatching.

For more information regarding current hatches and river conditions, call The Fly Factory's 24-hour "hatchline" at (517) 348-7108, or visit: www.troutbums.com (Information courtesy of The Fly Factory.)

LAKES: With water temperatures still low, the fish are sluggish. Try fishing in the shallows (6-8 feet of water) with minnows at dark and early in the morning. When trolling try going slower than usual and use rapalas or thundersticks. Anglers have caught a few pike on Lake Margrethe using sucker minnows and trolling with rapalas, and a few perch have been caught in the weed beds. Fishing for panfish has been slow. (Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

Girls soccer team loses 1-0 to Pinconning



Forward Christi Duncley pushes the ball down field.

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Katie Bonne and Rachel Ramaswamy were the only GHS players to register shots in the match.

The team will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, May 5, at 5 p.m. in Viking Stadium. On Monday, May 8, GHS will host Bay City John Glenn at 5 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Defender Bitsy Hellebuyck passes off to a teammate.



GHS player Bridgette Reed cuts between two Pinconning defenders.



Viking midfielder Monica Kustra takes a throw-in.



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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of April 2000
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.
Members Present: Wyman, Hayes, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: *Banda.
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Wayne Koppa, Caleb Casey, Larry Akers, Thomas Wellman, Katharine Wellman, Gail Madsen, Skip Madsen, Carolyn DiPontio, 00-45

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2000 be approved as amended. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted.
a. Emergency Services Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2000. Larry Akers was present to explain this to Council and how often they meet. He also answered questions from Council.

b. Crawford County Board of Commission Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2000.

c. Schedule for yard waste pick-up.

d. Letter to Dave Frederick on commitment on behalf of the City for his grant application.

e. Police Department check list for liquor license requests they receive.

f. "Kirtland's Warbler Festival" Resolution. 00-46

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that WHEREAS, the Kirtland's Warbler Festival on May 20, 2000 is a community-based event staged on and around the Kirtland Community College campus and provides benefits to the City of Grayling by attracting visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Festival, which is called "A Celebration of Nature," has as one of its goals to work collaboratively to provide environmental education and to promote the conservation of the Jack Pine and AuSable River ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Kirtland's Warbler Festival builds community support understanding of unique natural resources; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grayling City Council declares its support for the Kirtland's Warbler Festival and the many volunteers engaged in its production; and be it further resolved that the period of May 15-21, 2000 be designated as "Kirtland's Warbler Week" in the City of Grayling and in doing so, urges all residents to attend the Festival and to enjoy this Celebration of Nature.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Old Business.

a. Cafeteria Plan Update. The City Manager recommended that Council approve a Cafeteria Insurance Plan for City Employees. 00-47

Moved by Hayes, supported by Wyman to approve a Cafeteria Insurance Plan for City Employees through AFLAC. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

New Business.

a. City Manager presented his recommended Budget for 2000-2001. Council was given copies of the proposed budget, and a Budget Work Session is scheduled for the April 24, 2000 Council Meeting.

b. Federal Surplus Assistance Program - an authorized official. 00-48

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to designate Allen Lowe as the City of Grayling's Co-ordinator for the State of Michigan Federal Surplus Assistance Program. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

c. MERS Retirement System Resolution. 00-49

Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to adopt the Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, Allen Lowe was hired as Grayling City Manager on January 10, 2000, and

WHEREAS, he has exercised his option not to be covered by the Municipal Employees Retirement System in accordance with their policy manual; and

WHEREAS, The Grayling City Council has agreed to place the normal MERS contribution in a retirement account that he directs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

by the Grayling City Council on this 10th day of April, 2000 that the City shall reimburse to Allen Lowe the excess, if any, of the actual present value of his credited projected benefit at the time of his exclusion from membership over his accumulated contributions. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Mr. Wellman spoke to Council regarding his concerns on the sidewalk proposal on the Ottawa St. side of his property. In order to place the sidewalk in this area it would be necessary to build a retaining wall and he has objections to this as it would be necessary to build a retaining wall and he has objections to this as it would have to be built quite high and will not stop the kids from sliding on this hill. His solution would be to place 4-way stop signs on each side of Park and Ottawa Street and Elm and Ottawa Street. This would slow cars down and hopefully prevent a serious accident. Council will look into this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Roof at the DPW garage. Allen Lowe gave an update of this project and we are receiving bids for a heating system before the

roof is replaced.

b. City Treasurer would like to change payroll fringe benefits accounting for DPW workers. Auditors recommend Council approval. 00-50

Moved by Wyman, supported by Brown to accept the recommendation for DPW fringe benefits payroll accounting change to charge one employee to each department. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

*Banda was now present.

c. Networking of computers in City Hall. The City Treasurer and City Manager, after talking to several people regarding networking of computers at City Hall, recommend Mike Shultz as our contact person who would network our computers. 00-51

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to take the recommendation of the City Treasurer and City Manager and to accept the bid of Mike Shultz for networking our computers at City Hall. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. City Manager spoke to Council about the status of the city cars. One of the cars should no longer be taken out of town, has a lot of miles and is in bad shape. The City Manager has checked into state purchasing for a car that could be used for out of town trips and not have to worry about safety. Council asked about what the County did with their vehicles once they were no longer on the road. Larry Akers spoke about the county cars, some are traded in, some are used for other governmental agencies but most of them are used until they are no longer safe for out of town travel. We need to research this more and make a decision at some later date.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Wyman reported to Council that the City Hall Committee of Dave Wyman, Allen Lowe and Mo McNamara will be meeting later this week.

b. Ms. Brown commented on how professional the report that Mr. Sabin gave Council and to thank him.

c. Ms. Palmer introduced Wayne Koppa who was present to show slides on Walkable Communities. The meeting was moved to the cafeteria to show the slides and Mr. Koppa gave a very interesting talk about street scaping and how to improve walking around your community instead of driving. Council thanked Mr. Koppa for attending and sharing with Council and the audience a most important concept of changes that could be made in our community.

Adjournment 00-52

Moved by Banda, supported by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting April 11, 2000

Members Present: Janice Annis, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Tom Hall.

Others Present: Tom Welsh, Herb Stockmeyer, Jerry Polomin, Terry Beardslee, Bruce Lennon, Vic Johnson, Wade Brewer, Dave Frederick, Howard Hazelschwardt.

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ashton, second by Annis to recess regular meeting and open scheduled PUBLIC HEARING for OLD LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one, motion carried.

The Supervisor explained that subsequent to a public hearing of the necessity held March 8, 2000, the Grayling Township Board resolved to create Old Lake Road Improvement Special Assessment District for the purpose of resurfacing Old Lake Road from M-72 through the residential area of Karen Woods, Past Karen Woods, Old Lake Road will be rebuilt to M-93.

The District includes all properties adjoining Old Lake Road and properties using said road for ingress and egress to their parcels of land.

The tentative Special Assessment Roll, presented tonight for inspection, includes 130 property owners that would be assessed approximately \$30.00 per year for ten years to defray the costs of improvements to Old Lake Road. The total Special Assessment Roll is estimated at \$38,631.25 plus 1%. The assessment would be levied each year on the December Tax Roll.

The total cost of the improvements is estimated at \$154,525.00. The Road Commission for Crawford County will pay 50% (\$77,262.50) and Grayling Township will contribute 25% (\$38,631.25).

The purpose of this hearing is to receive and review objections to the amounts and property owners assessed as described on the Special Assessment Roll. Appearance and protest, either in person or in writing, at this hearing is required in order to protect rights of appeal to the state tax tribunal.

Comments were heard from Wade Brewer and Bruce Lennon protesting the benefit of the project. Mr. Lennon questions the safety of the pathway proposed to adjoin each side of the road and stated he does not believe the road through the residential area needs resurfacing at this time. He commented that those using the road only for access to their property should not be assessed for the project or charged a lower rate.

Tom Welsh and Herb Stockmeyer commented in favor of the project. No correspondence has been received subsequent to the hearing of necessity requesting exemption from the special assessment roll.

Non-profit organizations will also be assessed, however, the state land cannot be placed on the roll.

Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, that all persons having had the opportunity to comment, the public hearing be closed and the regular meeting reconvened. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one, motion carried.

Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, that the assessment roll submitted by the supervisor shall be designated as the Old Lake Road Improvement Special Assessment Roll. The assessments in said Old Lake Road Improvement Special Assessment Roll shall be divided into ten equal annual installments with the first installment to be levied December 1, 2000, and on each December 1st thereafter through the year 2009. Roll call: Annis - aye, Ashton - aye, O'Mara - aye, Wright - aye, Hall - absent. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approve minutes of March 8, 2000 as presented. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for March 2000 was read and placed on file.

Correspondence (No action required): Chamber News 4-2000; Crawford Co. Sheriff's Office S.T.I.N.G. 1999 Annual Activity Report; Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch Activity Report 2-2000; Crawford Co. Bd of Comm. minutes 3-15-00.

Citizens Who Wish to Speak: Terry Beardslee, Commissioner of District Six was introduced to new board members.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to pledge \$0.50 per capita (approx. \$2,623.00) from the 2000-01 General Fund Budget as matching funds to an application for a grant by the local Rural Health Care Initiative Committee to provide priority demand/response transportation services (through C.C. Transportation Authority) to and from health care facilities for individuals: (1) who are determined to be unable to provide their own transportation; (2) who's health status would make it difficult for them to tolerate traditional demand/response service and routing; and (3) who's having a contagious disease would make their presence on traditional demand/response buses a health risk factor for other passengers. Priority demand/response services will also be provided to destinations which are outside of the traditional demand/response service area during hours not currently scheduled for services. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to recess regular meeting and go into executive session with township legal counsel regarding an ongoing case. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, to reconvene regular meeting. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

4. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to adopt the following resolution for Deputy

Timothy Coe. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Resolution of honor for time in service as the Grayling Township Police Officer DEPUTY TIMOTHY COE

WHEREAS the rapid growth in population of Grayling Township had led to a need for increased police protection and community policing program services; and

WHEREAS the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees recognized those needs and were willing to develop and pay for a program to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS the township entered into an agreement with the Crawford County Sheriff Department, through a COPS grant, to provide those needs; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Timothy Coe volunteered to perform as the township police officer, and undertook to employ the necessary action to implement a comprehensive community policing program; and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees that Deputy Coe performed all of his duties honestly, diligently and professionally, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, and the individual citizens of Grayling Township are forever indebted to Deputy Timothy Coe for his term of service as the Grayling Township Police Officer; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees and the individual citizens of Grayling Township do express our sincere thanks and extend every honor to Deputy Coe for making Grayling Township a better and safer place for all.

5. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to authorize Township Board members attendance at the Michigan Township Association District meeting to be held in Grayling on May 17, 2000. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to authorize up to \$22,700.00 in the 2000-01 Budget for purchase of a township vehicle. Recommend that the Gov't Purchasing Agent be contacted for comparison pricing. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

7. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to join North East Michigan Council of Governments for the 2000-01 Fiscal Year. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to waive fee for a compactor sticker for the Crawford County Library. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 2140-21446, 21466-21496, Board and Comm fees \$280.00, Liquor Inspections \$180.00 and Guardian Dental \$572.21 for a grand total of \$58,778.39. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

10. Motion to adjourn by Annis, carried. Ayes: four, Absent: one.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.,
Grayling Township Clerk

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by SHARON M. HADLEY AND CHARLES T. HADLEY, Husband and Wife, of 7516 North White Road, Grayling, MI 49738, Mortgages, to FIRST FINANCE, which is organized and existing under the laws of Michigan and whose address is 6785 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on December 17, 1997, in Liber 443, Page 333 of Crawford County Records, which mortgage was thereafter assigned to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., as Custodian or Trustee, 3 Park Plaza, 16th Floor, Irvine, CA 92614 and recorded on July 10, 1998 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 457, Page 551 of Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 99/100 (\$68,236.99) DOLLARS.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday June 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.**, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan, (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 11.85% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 3 West.

Tax Id No. 020-026-007-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 20, 2000

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS CUSTODIAN OR TRUSTEE

Assignee of Mortgage
ELAINE W. MARDIROSIAN (P33528)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
1373 Balfour
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313) 881-0296

-20-27-4-11-18

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Bendig and Kathryn E. Bendig his wife (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 1994, and recorded on September 8, 1994 in Liber 383, on Page 362, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Northwest Mortgage Inc., a California Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated April 23, 1996, which was recorded on July 2, 1996 in Liber 413, on Page 633, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOUR AND 35/100 dollars (\$71,504.35), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 40, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990201628
Falcons

-27-4-11-18

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce R. Amburgey, a married man (original mortgagors) to Union Federal Savings Bank of Indianapolis, Mortgagee, dated August 23, 1996, and recorded on August 27, 1996 in Liber 417, on Page 42-49, Crawford County Record, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated September 4, 1996, which was recorded on March 5, 1997, in Liber 426, on Page 29, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE AND 69/100 dollars (\$63,073.69), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 17, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 6, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200013514
Mustangs

-6-13-20-27-4

Welcome to the 2000 Kirtland's Warbler Festival

A Celebration of Nature

Saturday, May 20

Kirtland Community College 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon

Free Admission

(\$2 per vehicle parking donation)

Featured Artist:
Heiner Hertling

Featured Presenters:
John Ozoga & Denny Olson

Featured Photographer:
Jim Battles

• **Entertainment** - Noddea Moore; Jenny Mahan; Griz Pruzik; Margaret (Peg) Gill; Al & Mary Ann Garza; and L. A. Ross

• **Presentations** - Heiner Hertling, (Wildlife Artistry/Painting & Sculpting); John Ozoga, (Seasons of the Whitetail); Denny Olson, (as Dr. Loonacy); John & Ann Mahan, (Lake Superior: Story & Spirit); Kirtland's Warbler Tours; AuSable Valley Fine Arts Exhibition; Nature Walk; Nature Arts/Crafts Fair & Sale; Bird Walk/Owl Prowl; Michigan Bats presentation; Photo Walk; Fly Fishing Demonstration; Incredible Insects; Fossils in Michigan; Canoe Display; Dutch Oven Cooking; Mikenauk Rock & Gem Club Exhibit, and more.

• **Children's Activities** - Kids' Fishing Pond; "Cameron," the Giant Caterpillar; Children's Tent; "Woodsy the Owl" & "Smokey the Bear;" Scouting projects; DNR Fire Prevention Van; and more.

• **Presentations on wildlife and nature** including beaver, moose, loons, turtles, eagles, "Bug Safari," Conservation Agency/Organization Booths, landscaping, "Warbler's World," "Logging in Michigan," "Michigan's Valuable Wetlands," and more.

• **Warbler Waffle & Pancake Breakfast** (7 - 8:30 a.m.)
• **Special Festival Stamp Cancellation service**
• **Refreshments**

For more information, contact
Kirtland Community College
1-517-275-5000 Ext. 347 or
Catch us on the Internet

<http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~warbler/>

Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act is a priority for Kirtland Community College. If you have a disability and need accommodations, e.g., sign interpreter, FM system for hard-of-hearing; or a motorized scooter, please contact the Festival Center at 517-275-5000 Ext. 347 (TTY Ext. 721). There are automatic door openers on all buildings and a public pay TTY (text telephone) for the deaf and speech impaired

Report the News!
(517) 348-6811



MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by William F. Butts and Patricia M. Butts, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated February 26, 1988 and was recorded on February 26, 1988 in Liber 273 on pages 486 to 489 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Two and 64/100 (\$73,822.64) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on June 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 9.5% per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Lot 26, GRAYLING MANOR, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.
The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandon pursuant to MCL §600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: May 4, 2000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, F/K/A THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PREPARED BY:
JOHN R. TUCKER (P37348)
WINEGARDEN, SHEDD, HALEY, LINDHOLM & ROBERTSON, P.L.C.
Attorneys at Law
501 Citizens Bank Building
328 S. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502-1983
(810) 767-3600

-4-11-18-25-1

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darwin A. Wilder and Dena M. Wilder husband and wife (original mortgagees) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 1993, and recorded on June 24, 1993 in Liber 361, on Page

356, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 69/100 dollars (\$32,911.69), including interest at 7.500% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/00.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on June 7, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 10, Roffe's Addition the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL:
248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200014446
Ravens

-27-4-11-18-25

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Billie J. Marrs and Hendrina Marrs husband and wife (original mortgagees) to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1998, and recorded on December 1, 1998 in Liber 468, on Page 626, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 83/100 dollars (\$44,734.83), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 24, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 233 feet of the East 165 feet of the West 330 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11,

Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL:
248-593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200014321
Cougars

-13-20-27-4-11

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

HARRY J. GREETHER, et al
Plaintiffs

File No. 00-100-GC-1
RUSSELL M. BATES and REAL ESTATE ONE OF WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN, Defendants

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will hold a Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall on Sherman Road. At such time, in addition to regular township business, budgets covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures of the General fund and EMS fund for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 shall be submitted for consideration. *The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget will be subject to this hearing. A copy of the proposed budgets will be available for public inspection at the township office during regular business hours.

Susan M. Keene
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors the term of office for which will expire on June 30, 2000. Term limitations do not exist for members of the CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding that office, Mr. Lee Riley of Beaver Creek Township, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. It establishes policies governing, as well as providing policy oversight pertaining to, the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA.

All Board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be either postmarked no later than Friday, May 12, 2000 or submitted directly to the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2000.

Questions or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(517) 348-8215

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer"

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GC-1:

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.

3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Dated: 4-11-00

Honorable John G. Hunter
District Court Judge

-20-27-4

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular board meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, June 8, 2000, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738, for furnishing of the following:

1 - Low hour used or new in-feed brush chipper.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Brush Chipper.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes for trade-in equipment deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Tom Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice Chairman
Kenneth Riehle, Commissioner

-4-11-16

INVITATION TO BID

ACADEMIC BUILDING BOILER REPLACEMENT
KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that Kirtland Community College will receive sealed bids for replacing one existing boiler with two (2) new boilers including all piping and accessories. It is the intent of the Owner that the project be completed according to the schedule set forth in the bid documents.

This project will be constructed under a single prime contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Mechanical contractor shall be the prime contractor.

Bids shall be addressed to and will be received until May 18, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. local time at the Business Office, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653. All bids received at such place, date and time will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after such time shall be returned to the respective bidder, unopened. Bidder submitting bids will be informed of the results of all bid proposals following award of contract. Faxed bids will be accepted (517-275-8210) if they are received prior to the bid time. Kirtland shall not be responsible for any late receipt of vendor's bids due to carrier delays or mechanical malfunctions.

Complete and detailed bidding documents are now on file and may be examined by the prospective bidders at the following location: Engineer's Office, Rhoades Engineering Corporation, 806 Hastings Street Suite 1, Traverse City, MI 49686, telephone (231) 947-1707. Complete sets of bidding documents may be obtained by bidders on or after May 3, 2000, 8:00 a.m. EST from the Office of the Engineer, Rhoades Engineering Corporation. A deposit of \$25 is required for each bid set which shall be refunded if a bonafide bid is submitted and the bid documents are returned in good condition within ten (10) calendar days after award of contract. An additional \$15 non-refundable mailing fee is required if the bid documents are mailed to the respective bidder.

A voluntary walk-thru for contractors will be held on May 11, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. in the Academic Building.

A bid may not be modified, withdrawn or canceled for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the time and date designated for receipt of bids. Kirtland Community College reserves the right to reject any and all bids; is not obligated to accept the lowest bid or any other bid; and may waive any informality or irregularity in bidding procedure.

OWNER
Kirtland Community College
Attn. JoAnn Comerford
10775 N. St. Helen Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
Phone: 517-275-5000 ext. 249
Fax: 517-275-8210

ENGINEER
Rhoades Engineering Corporation
Project Mgr. Thomas Beatty P.E.
806 Hastings, Suite 1
Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: 231-947-1707
Fax: 231-947-1710
Commission No: 2322A

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

To the electors of the school district:

Please take notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the regular school election called to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000, is Monday, May 15, 2000. Persons registering after 5 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 15, 2000, are not eligible to vote at the regular school election.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This notice is given by order of the board of education.

Carol E. Ramaswamy
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

Please take further notice that the Regular Biennial Election of C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

ADDENDUM

Please take further notice that the Regular Biennial Election of Kirtland Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BUDGET HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing for its 2000-2001 budget on Monday, May 8, 2000 at 7:30 pm, at the middle school (Ogemaw side entrance). All citizens are invited to attend and provide council with written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed budget. The proposed budget can be inspected by the public from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday in the city clerk's office at City Hall. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the city office before the meeting by calling 348-2131.

The discussion at this public hearing will include consideration of the proposed millage rate to be levied for the 2000-2001 tax year and the relationship of the state equalized value and the taxable value of property and the changes for same between 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. The millage rate proposed in the 2000-2001 budget is 14.8 mills for operation and 0.0 mills for debt retirement. This millage rate is exactly the same as the 1999-2000 millage rate but will result in increased revenues due to increases in state equalized values and taxable values. The City of Grayling has complete authority to set the millage rate for city operations at any level below the charter limit.

A copy of the proposed budget is available to inspect at the Crawford County Library.

Kay Ellen King
Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of May 7-13

Aries March 21-April 20

Your finances have been weighing on your mind for awhile. There are answers to your budget problems if you look hard enough. Be ready for some changes. Be open to the possibility of some romance in your life.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Pay very close attention to the little details. You don't want to miss a vital point. Be loyal to your roots and heritage. Your efforts will be rewarded in the long run. Rely on the wisdom of an elderly relative for insight and cheer.

Gemini May 22-June 21

The week will be a tough one, and you deserve to have fun. Whether it's a night out or a weekend excursion, go for it! Think through an idea completely before making it public. You don't want to ruin your reputation.

Cancer June 22-July 22

If you feel like you are being pulled in too many directions, you probably are. Be direct. It's time you said, "No." After all, you can't be in two places at once. The color yellow will bring you good thoughts and ideas.

Leo July 23-August 23

Your honesty could get you in trouble. Be careful not to upset some friends or valuable allies at work. Remember, it's important that you be diplomatic. Fall back on your sense of humor to ease an awkward situation.

Virgo August 24-September 22

This is not the time to put serious issues on the back burner. It is important that you don't let things slide in favor of having fun with friends. Don't let someone else dictate your thoughts. You have great ideas of your own!

Libra September 23-October 23

A recent domestic situation has left you feeling low. Take steps to deal with the problem first. Then you can overcome your feelings of hopelessness. You may need to approach a friend for help and advice.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

Put your fears aside and step into the electronic age. You have put this off far too long, and it could hurt your promising career. When a sticky personal situation arises, you may find comfort in an old and very close friend.

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

You may think a relationship is over. However, there may be a way to save it. Before you do, think it through and make sure you want the relationship to continue. Take care of business quickly. Then you'll have some time for fun.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

Avoid making impulsive decisions this week. This has been a problem for you in the past, so don't let your impulses get the best of you. Think before you act! It really doesn't matter who's right at home. Work out the problem.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Think about the consequences of your actions before you make some serious mistakes. A run-in with an authority figure could end up ruining your reputation. You can avoid the situation if you play your cards right.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Be open-minded to some new and interesting information. It may be just what you need to complete a project at work or home. Stay alert. You want to be shrewd and practical, and keep your impulsiveness under control.

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Nutty Pear English Muffins

- 1 english muffin
- 2 tbsp. peanut butter
- 2 tsp. honey
- 6 canned pear slices

Split muffin; toast lightly. Spread each half with 1 tablespoon peanut butter. Drizzle each with 1 teaspoon honey. Arrange canned slices on top. Makes 2 servings.

Berry Blue Smoothie

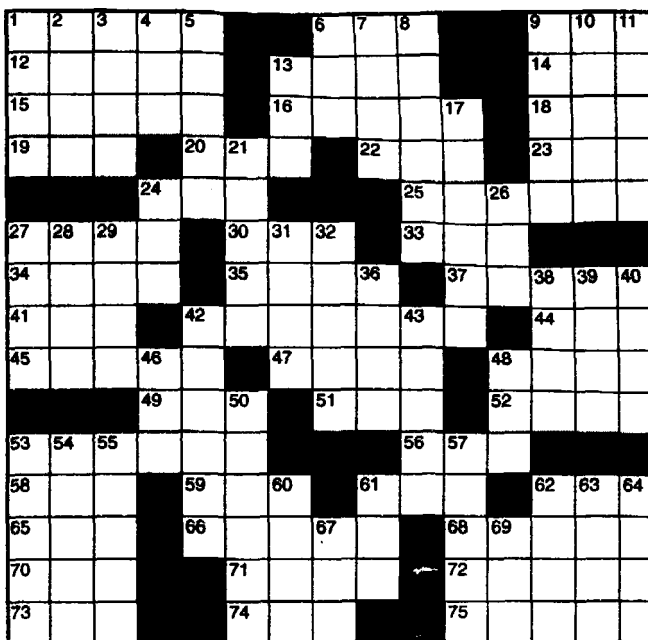
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 container (8 oz.) vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 can (6 oz.) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 1 1/2 cups ice cubes (about 16 cubes)

In blender place blueberries, yogurt, milk, pineapple juice and honey; cover and blend at medium speed until smooth. Increase speed to high; add ice cubes, a few at a time, until finely crushed. Serve immediately. Yield: about 5 cups.



HOME NEEDED - This male Boxer is approx. 1 year old and is very friendly with people and other animals. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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- 1. Zingaro
- 6. Wilt
- 9. Partner of zig
- 12. Triple Crown horse of 1935
- 13. 1/640 of a square mile
- 14. Cassowary's kin
- 15. Like a cold-sufferer's voice
- 16. ___ share (majority)
- 18. Channel of education
- 19. Fido's snack, perhaps
- 20. Spanish "the"
- 22. Like Willie Winkie
- 23. Special favorite
- 24. Gob's reply
- 25. Fumes
- 27. Measure for Dr. Frankenstein
- 30. Dejected
- 33. Tavern order
- 34. Water, in Madrid
- 35. Peck film, with "The"
- 37. Typo
- 41. Get one's goat
- 42. Brought into action
- 44. Gregory's *On the Beach* costar
- 45. Looks from lechers
- 47. Beach substance
- 48. Courage
- 49. ___ tree (2 wds.)
- 51. Evergreen shrub

- 52. Actor Beatty et al.
- 53. Together
- 56. Debt memo
- 58. Moving shot
- 59. Cygnet's dad
- 61. Hard-working insect
- 62. Author Kesey
- 65. Type measures
- 66. It might be recessive
- 68. *Truthful James* author
- 70. Mamie Eisenhower, ___ Doud
- 71. Boy, in Madrid
- 72. Revises copy
- 73. Insecticide letters
- 74. RR depot
- 75. Bowling button

DOWN

- 1. Obstinate refusal
- 2. *Rubáiyat* poet Khayyam
- 3. Crow's-nest's locale
- 4. Just as I suspected!
- 5. Waste time
- 6. Bot. or chem.
- 7. "...maids all in ___" (2 wds.)
- 8. Swiss city that's home to the Red Cross
- 9. A Marx Brother
- 10. "Waves of grain" color
- 11. Gales
- 13. Martino and Pacino
- 17. Clinched
- 21. Greek fabulist
- 24. ___ snail's pace (2 wds.)
- 26. Via
- 27. Colorado resort
- 28. Mythical monster
- 29. Skywalker of *Star Wars*
- 31. Current units, for short
- 32. Hold up
- 36. Prime-time time
- 38. Hard to come by
- 39. *Heroides* author
- 40. Dam it!
- 42. Phase
- 43. Newsman Newman
- 46. Furrow
- 48. Oxlike antelope
- 50. Decks out
- 53. Defeat in competition
- 54. Appointed
- 55. Embed
- 57. Turn the ___ cheek
- 60. Lure
- 61. From ___ Z (2 wds.)
- 62. Barbra's *A Star Is Born* costar
- 63. Little: suffix
- 64. *One Flew over the Cuckoo's* ___
- 67. Actress Ballin
- 69. Block or cannon suffix

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago May 5, 1977

George Lang and Wesley Carter of Palestine, Texas are in Grayling trying to find a former burial site of civilizations here which predate Indian settlements and may have been colonized by ancient Hebrew tribes.

Officials at Camp Grayling have released immediate and long range expansion plans for the facility which may result in increases in both staff and facilities for the camp at a cost of about \$6 million during the next three years. A contract for \$1 million in construction has been awarded this year. The largest project planned for 1978 will be the creation of a central ammunition supply point. The camp receives, stores and issues about 600 tons of ammunition each year. Also on the books is a plan to upgrade the surface water or storm drain system for the camp. On the books for 1979 is the construction of the Logistical Support Activity Center. Camp Grayling is the second largest employer in Crawford County.

Joan Baynham, daughter of Larry and Becky Baynham of Maple Forest has been accepted as a Youth for Understanding student. She will spend the 1977-78 academic year as an exchange student in the Netherlands.

46 Years Ago May 6, 1954

In spite of the weather, 30 golfers enjoyed the course and facilities at the Grayling Golf Club last Sunday. However, several had to cut their golfing short when it began to rain.

A new building is under construction in Grayling where a new business will begin operation about June 1. The business is the Hendershot Supply Company and the building is a wholesale building material warehouse for the express purpose of selling to building material dealers

only.

At a recent meeting of the Grayling Sportsman's Club it was decided that the club in cooperation with the Conservation Department and the local Boy Scouts in the campaign to clean up and preserve the natural beauty of the AuSable River. The AuSable River Guides Association also voted to give this project financial aid and to assist in the work by providing manpower when it is needed.

The GHS band will go to Cheboygan on May 5 to take part in the annual May Festival. In addition to giving a short concert, the band will march in a parade. In the evening there will be a concert given by the massed bands from 12 schools.

The Viking thinclads had little trouble keeping their track victory string intact Wednesday as they ran roughshod over the Mancelona Ironmen by a 76 to 33 score.

Engineers are preparing to begin work on the world's greatest bridge spanning the Straits of Mackinac. There will be a two-day celebration to celebration the occasion.

69 Years Ago May 7, 1931

A number of high school alumni met at the school building last night and organized an Alumni Club, to be known as the GHS Alumni Association. Carl Doroh is president, Miss A. Ingeborg Hanson secretary and Roy Milnes treasurer.

Property at Frederic owned by Mrs. W.F. Hartman of River Rouge and occupied by the Arnold family, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning.

Grayling All City baseball team trounced Frederic Sunday afternoon, 16-6. DeVere Schmidt and Rudy Harrison were the battery for Grayling and Clark and Johnson for Frederic. Art May, featured short-stop walked six times during the

game. Others in the line-up were Robertson (2b), T. Callahan (3b), H. Schmidt (1b), Hendrickson (lf), Bidvis (cf), and Woods (rf).

The following pupils in first grade had perfect attendance in April: Albert Bentley, Gloria Brown, Eleanor Buggy, Monica Brady, Donald Borchers, George Denewett, June Doroh, Ruth Ann Kernosky, Aileen Larson, Bobby Nelson, Weldon Nelson, Jerome Wilcox, George Woods and Aileen Brown.

Several members of the Grayling Chapter O.E.S. have been awarded life memberships of late. Those honored include Mrs. R. Hanson, Mrs. R.D. Connine, Mrs. Mary Leece and M.A. Bates.

George Lietz and Sam Gust took a trip down the AuSable trout fishing starting Friday and were back in school Monday morning. Sam brought back a fine 17 1/2 inch brown trout.

92 Years Ago May 7, 1908

Heavy snow is reported in many sections of the state last Saturday, though we had but a little. Eight inches is reported at Hardgrove, Lewiston and Johannesburg.

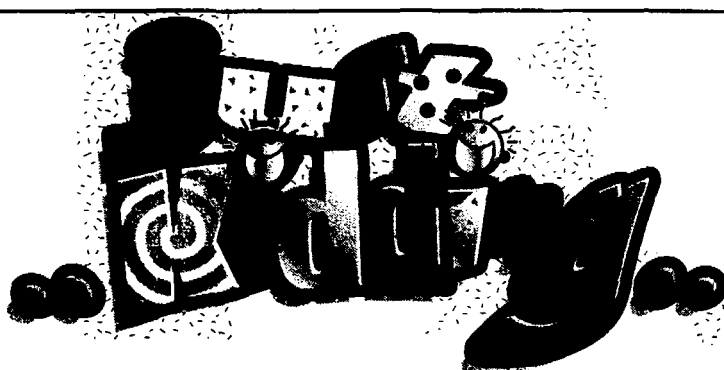
W.S. Walker and wife were down from the farm Monday. They didn't come by sleigh, though eight inches of snow was on the ground there Saturday.

I.H. Richardson of South Branch was in town last week "Happy as a big sunflower." He is one of the satisfied kind.

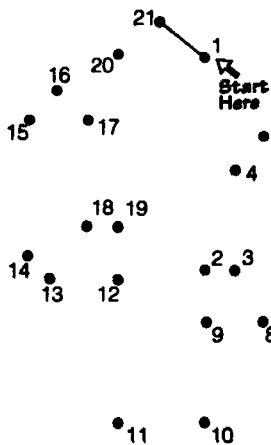
Alex Michelson is putting in his time at the new mill just being completed on the Michelson Lands in Roscommon County.

Hubbard Head of South Branch was in town Tuesday loaded with as fine apples as a man would desire, which were freely distributed among his friends.

Grandma Barber of Frederic is afflicted with muscular rheumatism.



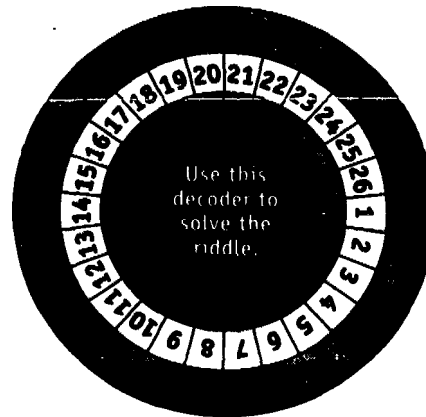
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What do you call an overly talkative dinosaur?

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Precip.
4/25	62	25	
4/26	68	26	
4/27	70	28	
4/28	72	28	
4/29	63	26	
4/30	69	33	0.12"
5/1	64	33	0.11"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - sunny and mild with a high of 75. Thursday - warm with broken clouds, a low near 55 and a high near 80. Friday - warm and sunny with a few clouds, a low near 60 and a high in the low 80's. Saturday - warm and cloudy, with a chance of a storm, a low of 55 and a high in the low 80's.

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2. For Rent

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2. For Rent

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3557 M-72 EAST. This home or cottage has 2.25 acres, 1,180 sq. ft. includes family room, vaulted ceilings, over sized kitchen, many built-ins, bow windows, garage, wood-shed, deck, master bed room suite with jacuzzi tub. Near Wakeley Lake recreation area. **Reduced \$43,500 CH-904**



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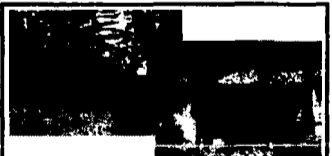


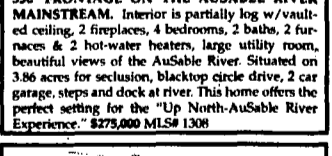





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3. Employment

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NURSING ASSISTANT (CERTIFIED) We are seeking Certified Nurse Assistants to work in our Medical Surgical Hospital and our Extended Care Facility. Full and Part time positions are available. The successful candidate will have completed a Nursing Assistant program and be certified as a Nurse Assistant. Preference is given to persons having relevant experience as a Nursing Assistant. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact Human Resources, Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528; Fax 517-348-0485 (-4/3)

UNIT CLERK Mercy Hospital is seeking persons to provide clerical support in the Nursing Units in the hospital. We are seeking persons with computer knowledge and some medical terminology. Preference will be given to persons who have Unit or Ward Clerk experience. We have positions on day shift and night shift. Weekend and holiday work is expected. We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources at Mercy Hospital in Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 or call 517-348-0528 (-4/3)

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Send resume or stop at the store to apply. P.O. Box 591 • Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Crawford County United Way is seeking a person to serve as a part-time paid Director. The person chosen will manage the annual fund raising campaign. The Director will work out of their home and be provided with a desk top computer. The individual selected will have strong people skills and be comfortable speaking to both large and small groups of business leaders and members of the professional community. Interested persons should submit their resume to P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

1. Real Estate



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While offering a great view of Lake Margrethe, this home has many custom features. Kitchen features solid oak floor, oak cabinets, island and open to living room area. Cathedral ceiling with knotty pine in living room and opening the master bedroom suite on the 2nd level. Separate formal dining room with lake view also. Seller will be seeding yard as weather permits. A certain "Must see." Home offers buyer home protection plan. #4595 \$139,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



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This is a nice three bedroom home with two baths and a full basement. Features a stone fireplace, enclosed porch and a large garage. #4506 \$79,900 Ask for Scott Hanson!



This 1994 Ranch offers the convenience of town with the privacy and quiet of northern Michigan. The open floor plan makes for spacious living. This home comes complete with 2 full baths, window coverings, stove & refrigerator and built in hutch and pantry, landscaped yard, satellite dish and above ground pool. The 95 gallon salt water aquarium is negotiable. #4513 \$89,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!



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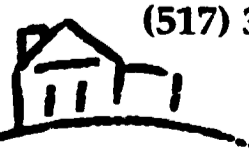
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3. Employment

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PART-TIME OFFICE WORK Organizing, filing, typing and desk-top publishing. Computer knowledge a must. Apply in person at the Wellington Farm Park Visitor Center, 6771 S. Military Rd., Grayling, Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (-4/3)

GIFT SHOP Farm Market manager and clerk. Knowledge of produce and sales beneficial. Some weekend work. Apply in person at the Wellington Farm Park Visitor Center, 6771 S. Military Rd., Grayling, Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (-4/3)

SURGICAL TECHNICIANS We currently have two full-time surgical technician positions (certification preferred). One-year of experience as a surgical scrub technician is required. Previous experience in orthopedics, ENT, general surgery, OB/GYN, and urology is preferred. Sign on bonus of \$1,500, \$750 - upon hire and \$750 upon satisfactory completion of six months. Competitive wage package (effective April 10, 2000) If qualified and interested, please send resumes to Janet Norton, Human Resources Manager, West Branch Regional Medical Center, Department 2, 2463 S. M-30, West Branch, MI 48661. (-27-4/3)

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HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED Please apply at Woodland Motor Lodge, Grayling. (-4-11/3)

4. Services Offered

I CHARGE BY THE job, not by the hour. Yard work, raking, mowing, yard cleanup, trimming branches off small trees, cutting wood, stacking wood, etc. 517-348-5081 (-4-11-18-25/4)

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JB POWERWASH & PAINTING Keep your house & deck looking clean. Call 517-344-1412. (LR6/8/00/4)

GOING ON VACATION? Work long hours? Introducing Miki's Dog Services from the convenience of your home, your dogs will be walked, fed, bathed, and transportation is available to vet, groomer, etc. Call Corin at 517-348-1860 to set up an appointment today. (-4/4)

STAY AT HOME MOM would like to watch your child. Days or evenings. Very reasonable rates. Call 517-348-5244 (-4/4)

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262. (3/19/91/4/4)

GARDENING PROJECTS Need any help getting your garden started. 15 years experience rototilling gardens of any size. Call Jim at 348-2991 for your gardening tips. Karen Woods area only. (LR5/25/00/4)

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5. For Sale

14 X 70 TRAILER Three bedroom, good condition. 1995 travel trailer, 36' Coachman, snowmobile trailer, holds two. 517-348-5275 (-4-11-18-25/5)

1997 HONDA SHADOW 1100 cc, 2,000 miles, windshield, shaft drive, saddle bags. \$5,000 517-348-6709 (-4/5)

WASHER/DRYER \$125 for the set, ask for Connie 517-348-5474 or Matt 517-348-6573 (-4/5)

12 FT. HEAVY DUTY trampoline, excellent condition. \$100 Call 517-348-6400 after 5 p.m. (-4/5)

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WILDLIFE FOOD PLOTS planted and maintained for Deer and Turkeys (Clover, Rye Corn, etc). Call 517-348-8485. (-13-20-27-4/5)

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR side by side with water and ice dispenser. Great condition. Kenmore washer, dryer, all in one stackable. Like new. 517-348-2213 (-5/5)

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PATIO SET (wooden) seven pieces, includes umbrella and stand \$100, eight ft. aluminum brown pickup cap. \$75. Phone 517-348-7723. (-4/5)

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1972 30 FT. SYCAMORE 5th wheel trailer, excellent condition. \$1,500 O.B.O. Trailer located in Grayling, Michigan. 810-757-3427 (-4-11/5)

1968 WILDCAT CAMPER, good condition, single axle, bath, stove, fridge, furnace, sleeps five. \$900 O.B.O. 517-344-9024 (-4/5)

1989 14 X 72 Two bedrooms, two baths, Holly Park Mobile home. Refrigerator, washer, dryer, whirlpool tub, dishwasher, garbage disposal, whole house air, extra insulation in roof, ceiling fans in LR/MBR \$16,000 you move to your site!!! 2842 Bluebird Lane, off Margrethe Blvd. 517-348-4930 (-4/5)

10" CRAFTSMAN TABLE SAW, belt driven with extensions on stand. \$275; 10" Craftsman Miter Saw. \$125; Craftsman Router on Table. \$75; 36" Delta Wood Lathe with tools. \$250; Craftsman Air Compressor, one H.P. twin cylinder. \$150; 30 gal. Shop Vac. \$20; 16 gal. Shop Vac. \$15; 5 Gal. Shop Vac. \$15. Phone 517-348-2481 (-4/5)

SKYLINE SKI & Country Club Springtime hours, open 12 noon. Thursday thru Sunday. Lunch and dinner specials daily. Just four miles south of Grayling off I-75. 517-275-5445 (5/4/00/5/5)

1995 28 FOOT DUTCHMAN 5th wheel, travel trailer, like new. 517-348-8697 (-4-11-18-25/5)

6. Wanted

CRAFTERS WANTED for the Crawford County Fair July 18-22. We have several Crafters already signed up. Outside, five days for \$30 for more information call 517-348-7732. (-20-27-4-11-18/6)

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WANTED Bolen's 850 riding lawn mower for parts. Call 517-275-5830. (-4-11/6)

5. For Sale

Kuk's Nursery
Kuk's Nursery now open. SPECIAL: You dig sale on all Spruce or Birch any size only \$10.00 ea. and Mugho Pine \$5.95 ea. (burlap at cost) We have hundreds of potted and balled trees and shrubs such as: Crimson King Maples, Birch, Mt. Ash, Flowering Crabs, Lilacs, Yews, Forsythia, Burning Bush, Spirea and many others at low spring prices. Located 8 miles north of Roscommon on Old M-76 (S. Grayling Rd.) Northbound I-75 exit 244 mile marker, turn left 1 1/2 miles to blinker, then right 3 miles on Old M-76 (S. Grayling Rd.) Southbound I-75 take 251 mile exit. Turn south on Old M-27 to the Moose Lodge then left on S. Grayling Rd. for 1 1/2 miles.
Open everyday 9-5.
Closed Wednesdays
(517) 275-8491

6. Wanted

ANTIQUE DEALERS WANTED The Heights Antique Mall in Houghton Lake's Pinky's Plaza has prime dealer space available. Call 517-422-6084. (-4-11/6)

WANTED Estimate for reroof on home only at 110 Dale St., Grayling. Please send info to P.O. Box 35, Grayling, MI 49738-0035. (-4/6)

7. Miscellaneous

FOUND Male, black lab mixed dog with collar. Approximately one year old. Bradford Lake, Waters area. Very affectionate and well trained. Call to describe identifying marks. 517-732-7278 (-4/7)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

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REPORT THE NEWS! Call (517) 348-6811 or stop in at the Crawford County Avalanche.

8. Announcements

FREE GARAGE SALE SIGNS compliments of Debbie Bondar Century 21 River Country Grayling. 517-348-5474 Available at office. (-27-4-11/8)

SECOND ANNUAL ROTARY Garage Sale, May 20 and 21, 2000. JJ's Motor Mall located on M-72 West. We are in need of items to be donated for the Garage Sale. Look around your closets, basement, and garage and see what is there that you no longer need. Bring to JJ's please. (-4/8)

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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Frederic Hobby Club will hold their annual Mother & Daughter Banquet, on Monday, May 15, 2000 at 5:30 p.m., at the Frederic Hobby Club located on West County Road 612.

This Banquet is for the Mothers and Daughters of the community. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Please come and celebrate with us.

Please pre-register by calling 348-8368 or 348-8365. -4/8

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A CLEAN CORPORATE CITIZEN APPLICATION
Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company Deward Meter Station, located at 10360 West Deward Road, Frederic, Michigan proposes to file an application with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a Clean Corporate Citizen designation in accordance with R336.2408 of Part 14 of the Air Quality Administration Rules, Michigan Administrative Code.
This is a voluntary program that is intended to allow a regulated source that has demonstrated environmental stewardship and a strong environmental ethic through their operation in Michigan to be recognized as a Clean Corporate Citizen. Clean Corporate Citizens who voluntarily participate in this program will receive public recognition and are entitled to certain air quality permit processing benefits. The Clean Corporate Citizen program requires that regulated sources ensure sound environmental performance by demonstrating three main components throughout their management and operations: an Environmental Management System, a Pollution Prevention Program, and Environmental Compliance.
A copy of the application and related documentation is available for public review starting May 4 at the Frederic Community Library at 6872 N. Old 27, Frederic, Michigan (517) 348-4067.
Written and/or verbal comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. June 2 at the following address:
Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company
5250 Corporate Drive
Troy, Michigan 48068
(248) 205-7674
Attention: Mr. Bruce Bendes, R.S., Environmental Specialist

8. Announcements

TALENT SHOW Wednesday night July 19, 7 p.m. For more information 517-348-7732. (-12/7/00t/8/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing May 4-6 Loose Cannons, May 10-13 Risque, May 17-20 Risque. Happy Hour in our Speakeasy Saloon 4-6, Mon.-Fri. (-4-11/8)

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AT&T, BELL PAYPHONE ROUTES Hot locations, E-Z income (local) free info 800-800-3470. (-4/8)

COME JOIN THE FUN at the Plaza Bar. Karaoke every Saturday night at 9 p.m. (4/13/00t/8/8)

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8. Announcements

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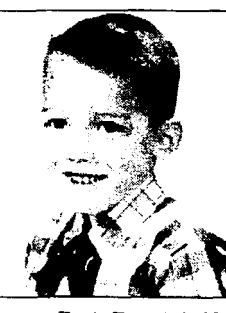
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VA BENEFIT GOLF OUTING Four Man Scramble held at Burning Oak Country Club, Sunday, June 11, 1 p.m. - Registration 12:00. \$45 per person. Includes golf, cart, banquet and prizes back at the Silver Dollar. \$20,000 car for a hole in one on #2. Sponsored by Franz Auto Exchange Roscommon. First Prize \$300. Second \$200. Third \$100. Fourth \$50 gift certificate. Call Johnny 517-821-9475; Gordy 517-821-5163. (-13-20-27-4/8)

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9. Personals

Happy 40th Phil!



Love - Pati, Darci & Kyle

10. Garage Sales

YARD SALE Washer and dryer, some antiques, baby clothes, end tables, bassinet with layette, glassware, some tools, large ladies clothes, baby carrier, and much more. 204 Mikado, 9-5, Thurs. - Sat. (-4/10)

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9-4. Hand crafted lamps, bird feeders, some antiques, clothing, miscellaneous items. 777 Little John Avenue. (-4/10)

10. Garage Sales

HUGH GARAGE SALE Household goods that are in excellent shape-stove, tables/chairs, desk/matching credenza, lamps, dishes, riding lawn mower. Other miscellaneous garage sale items. 805 Elm, Saturday and Sunday. (-4/10)

GARAGE/CRAFT SALE Patio table/four padded chairs, stereo system with speakers, VCR. Antique dishes/glassware, much more. Men's shirts, women's suits/blouses, wood crafts, wind chimes, painted shirts. Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6152 Sam Rd., Karen Woods. (-4/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Washer/dryer, antique silver-plate flatware, clothes and much more. 3407 Tall Pine in AuSable Woods North, off the paved end of Wilcox Bridge Rd. Take River Park to Tall Pine. (-4/10)

GARAGE SALE North Down River Rd. to Roberts Rd., take right to 4831 Helen Dr. open May 5th and 6th. 9-5. (-4/10)

YARD SALE 5885 Glenwood Ct. Good stuff. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. (-4/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 6th, 9-4. One day only. 1009 Little John. (-4/10)

GRAYLING YOUTH BOWLING Fund Raiser Car Wash, Saturday, May 6 at Legion Lanes parking lot, 11:30 til 5 p.m. (-4/10)

THE VEGGIE PLACE Five miles east of Grayling on M-72 is now open. We have a variety of hanging baskets, flowers, flats and vegetable plants. 517-348-8094 (-4/10)

YARD SALE 1070 Glenn Rd., Sunday, May 5, 12-6. Table/chairs, dishes, '92 Chevy conversion van, pontoon, antique sewing machine, Tandy 1000, stand and games. Treasures Galore! (-4/10)

GARAGE SALE May 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., May 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain or shine. Dishes, toys, furniture, tires and much more. 133 Barbara St. (-4/10)

10. Garage Sales

St. Francis Thrift Shop
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(517) 348-2572

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11. Automotive

1997 CHEVY S-10 Four cylinder, five speed, 34,000 miles. \$6,300, air and cassette. 517-659-2790 (-4/11)

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11. Automotive

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1998 Buick LeSabre - Custom, full power, all of the bells and whistles. Very clean! Stock #16186-1. Was \$12,988. Now \$12,488.

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1997 Saturn SC2 Coupe - Sharp little red 2 door with air, auto., CD player, cruise and much more! Nice! Stock #209024. Was \$13,298. Now \$12,888.

1997 Geo Prizm - Great economy car, built to last! Air, 5 speed manual, sunroof, CD player, cruise, power windows and locks, gets great gas mileage! Stock #419067. Was \$11,488. Now \$10,988.

1997 Pontiac Sunfire Convertible - Automatic, teal, white top, very nicely equipped and clean. You won't be able to buy a convertible in the summertime for a price like this! Stock #41136. Was \$14,988. Now \$14,588.

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